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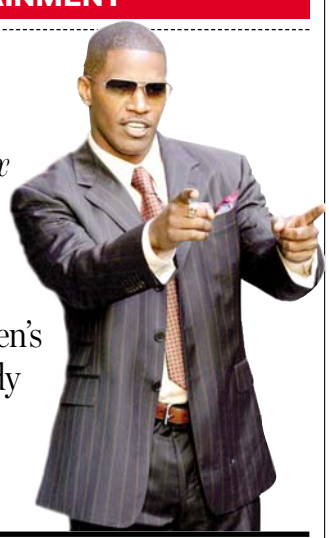

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Israel Calls on Reserve Troops

A MOMENT'S REST: An Israeli soldier sleeps next to artillery shells at an army position near the Lebanese border in northern Israel on Thursday. Israel said it does not plan to expand its battle with Hezbollah for now, but the government authorized the army to call up 30,000 reserve soldiers in case the fighting intensifies. ❖ **'Willing and ready':** Rice may return for more peace talks | Page 7

Landis Hit With Drug Allegation

Tour winner denies cheating after suspicious test results

PARIS | Tour de France winner Floyd Landis denied Thursday that he cheated, but said his career will forever be stained by his positive test for high testosterone during cycling's premiere event.

"Unfortunately, I don't think it's ever going to go away, no matter what happens next," Landis said. "It appears as though this is a bigger story than winning the Tour, so that's going to be hard to go away."

Landis' victory was thrown into question Thursday when his team said he tested positive for high testosterone levels during stage 17, when he began his stunning comeback with a gritty charge into the Alps.

The Phonak team suspended Landis, pending results of the backup "B" sample of his drug test. If Landis is found guilty, he could be stripped of the Tour title and fired from the team.

Elevated testosterone is common among pro cyclists, Landis told Sports Illustrated, and he is consulting with a Spanish doctor who has helped other riders clear their names. (AP)

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UNDERDOGS | **Raising Cane** An elderly man has shown that the cane can be mightier than the shotgun. Robert Flynn, 82, of Greensboro, N.C., was in front of his home earlier this week when a man drove up, jumped out of his car, brandished a shotgun and demanded money. Instead of handing over his wallet, Flynn hit the shotgun with his cane and ran off. The mugger followed him, so Flynn used his cane again, police said, whacking him on the head and shoulders and sending him back to his vehicle empty-handed. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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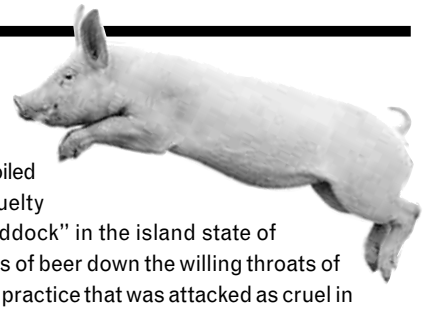

A pair of beer-swilling pigs has embroiled an Australian pub in an animal cruelty debate. Visitors to "Pub in the Paddock" in the island state of Tasmania are invited to pour bottles of beer down the willing throats of resident pigs Priscilla and P.B. — a practice that was attacked as cruel in the latest edition of the magazine published by animal welfare group Choose Cruelty Free. Owner Anne Free said the pigs like beer. She also watered the beer down to ensure they never got drunk. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. that the porkers aren't being abused. "Whilst it is a difficult pill to swallow ... it's certainly not cruelty, unfortunately," RSPCA state chief executive Rick Butler said. (AP)

LAW

His Special Tactic: Snoring

Police in Bellevue, Wash., didn't have to go far to arrest a man for investigation of car prowling. He was found sleeping in a special weapons and tactics van. Officer Greg Grannis said a municipal worker reported someone breaking into cars, including his own, shortly before midnight Monday. Officers quickly found burglarized cars, but couldn't determine who might be responsible — until about 4:50 a.m., when two SWAT team members went to get their van and found a 25-year-old transient asleep in the back, Grannis said. (AP)

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SURFING

Lawyers on Boards

These lawyers apparently have no fear of sharks — unless they're the kind that file lawsuits. About 40 lawyers from across the country have signed up for the National Lawyers on Longboards Surfing Contest scheduled during the Aug. 3-8 American Bar Association convention in Honolulu. But the ABA has pulled out of sponsoring the surfing competition. The event organizer says the lawyers are afraid of being sued. Lea Hong, a Honolulu environmental lawyer and surfer, said the ABA overreacted. "We had liability insurance and everything," she said. (AP)

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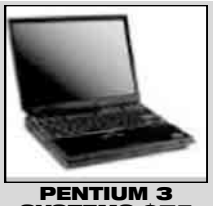

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"Hezbollah attacked Israel. I know Hezbollah is connected to Iran. Now is the time for the world to confront this danger."

—**President Bush,** sharply condemning Iran's role in the Israel-Hezbollah conflict.

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Report: U.S. May Send 5,000 More Troops Into Baghdad

Military commanders in Iraq are developing a plan to move as many as 5,000 U.S. troops with armored vehicles and tanks into the country's capital in an effort to quell escalating violence, defense officials said Thursday. As part of the plan, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Thursday extended the tours of some 3,500 members of the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team. It was scheduled to be leaving now, but instead, most of its 3,900 troops will serve for up to four more months. (AP)

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

Dean Calls Iraqi PM 'Anti-Semite' for Israel Views

Democratic Party chairman Howard Dean on Wednesday called Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki an "anti-Semite" for failing to denounce Hezbollah for its attacks against Israel. Al-Maliki has condemned Israel's offensive, prompting several Democrats to boycott his address to a joint meeting of Congress and others to criticize him. "The Iraqi prime minister is an anti-Semite," the Democratic leader told a gathering of business leaders in Florida. "We don't need to spend 200 and 300 and $500 billion bringing democracy to Iraq to turn it over to people who believe that Israel doesn't have a right to defend itself and who refuse to condemn Hezbollah." (AP)

Bolton Fuels More Partisan Debate

Most Democrats still opposed to Bush's pick for U.N. ambassador

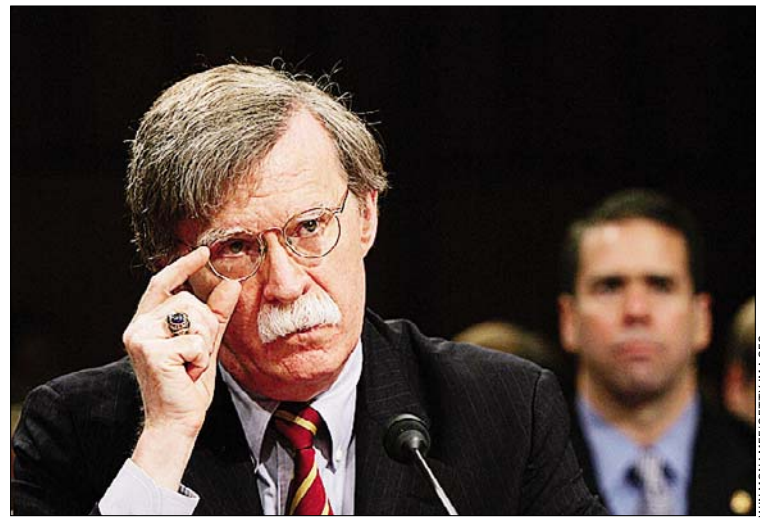
WASHINGTON | The Bush administration and GOP leaders renewed their push Thursday to win Senate approval of John Bolton as U.N. ambassador. Democrats maintained he is too brash and ineffective to be confirmed.

The sharp division all but guaranteed lawmakers were headed toward another partisan showdown on the Senate floor, although Democrats would not say whether their opposition would amount to a filibuster as it did last year.

A Senate vote on Bolton could come as early as September, just as election season heats up, with Bush's foreign policy a major issue for voters. The United Nations has been at the forefront of international discussions on North Korea's missile tests, Iran's nuclear program and the crisis in the Middle East.

After repeated failed attempts by GOP leaders to grant Bolton Senate approval, Bush on Aug. 1 of last year used his executive power to sidestep Congress and temporarily assign Bolton to the job. Republicans decided to revive the matter this week after Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, who last year sided with Democrats in opposing the president's nomination, announced he would support Bolton this time.

ANNE PLUMMER FLAHERTY (AP)



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ON THE HOT SEAT: Controversial U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton testifies before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Thursday.

"My objection isn't that he's a bully, but that he's been an ineffective bully and can't win the day ... when it really counts."

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., echoed other Democrats in criticizing Bolton. | **Today, A Section**

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Colo. Man Claims 48 New Murders

Police say convict could have committed crimes spanning 3 decades

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. | A man serving a life sentence in Colorado for murdering a teenage girl has claimed responsibility for as many as 48 slayings across the country dating back more than three decades, authorities said Thursday.

Robert Charles Browne, 53, told authorities the slayings occurred from 1970 until his arrest in 1995. He was in court Thursday to plead guilty to one of those killings — the death of another girl in Colorado in 1987.

Browne

Authorities so far have been able to corroborate his detailed claims in seven slayings — three in Louisiana, two in Texas, one in Arkansas and the two in Colorado, El Paso County Sheriff Terry Maketa said. He said Browne's claim of 48 murders could be credible.

If Browne's claims prove true, he would be one of the most prolific killers in U.S. history.

Gary Ridgway, Seattle's Green River Killer who in 2003 became the nation's deadliest convicted serial killer, admitted to 48 murders but once said he killed as many as 71 women, according to interview transcripts. JOHN SARCHE (AP)

Doctors Test New Vaccine to Help Smokers Quit

MADISON, WISC. | Doctors are testing a radical new way to help smokers quit: a shot that "immunizes" them to the nicotine rush that fuels their addiction.

Three hundred people around the country are testing an experimental vaccine that makes the immune system attack nicotine in much the same way it would fight a life-threatening germ. (AP)

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100 **The number of firearms** investigators seized from the homes of two New York men, including assault rifles, machine guns and a grenade launcher. Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota called the collection of firepower "a police officer's worst nightmare."

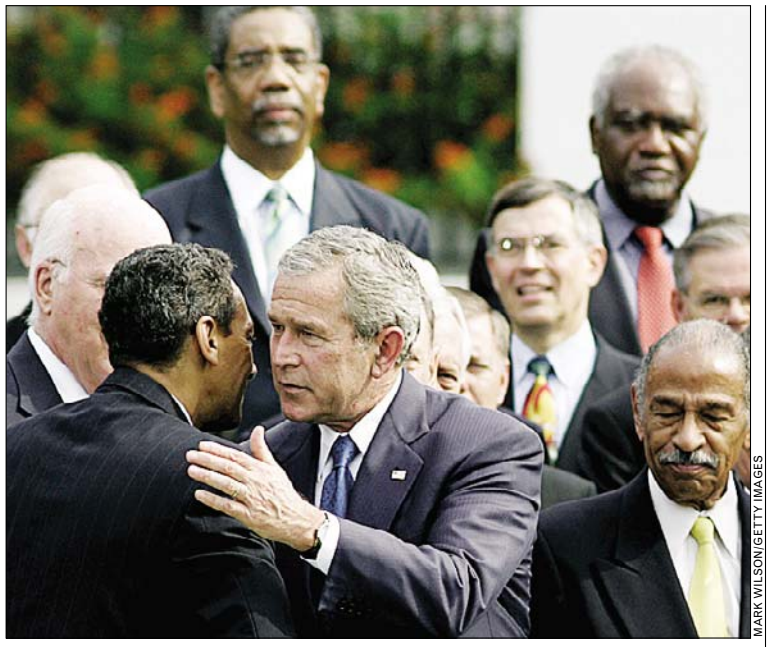
Voting Rights Act Signed Into Law

Civil rights leaders say president must enforce renewed legislation

WASHINGTON | Civil rights leaders said Thursday that President Bush's signature to extend the 1960s civil rights law against racist voting practices will be just a footnote in history if the government fails to enforce it.

At a bill signing ceremony at the White House to extend provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, Bush pledged to stand behind the law that opened polls to millions of black Americans.

"Today, we renew a bill that helped bring a community on the margins into the life of American democracy," Bush said. "My administration will vigorously enforce the provisions of this law, and we will defend it in court."



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MOVING FORWARD: President Bush hugs U.S. Rep. Mel Watt, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, after signing the Voting Rights Act renewal

Noting Bush's words on enforcement, civil rights activist Al Sharpton said: "You can bet we'll make sure that he keeps his pledge."

Civil rights activists accuse the Bush administration of politicizing the Justice Department's civil rights division, and say it has turned a blind eye to voter suppression tactics, such as photo identification provisions and citizenship requirements, in several states.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Bush rightly talked of "enforcement" and how the "work for a more perfect union is never ending." But he said civil rights leaders must be assured that the administration will protect the law against efforts in the courts to undermine it.

DEB REICHMANN (AP)

Calif. Heat Wave Deaths Climb to 90 in 2nd Week

FRESNO, CALIF. | Corpses piled up at the morgue Thursday, and aid workers went door to door, checking on elderly people in hopes of keeping the death toll from California's 12-day heat wave from rising.

California coroner's offices said the number of deaths possibly connected to the heat wave climbed to 90.

In Fresno County's morgue, the walk-in freezer was stuffed with bodies, with some piled on top of others, said Coroner Loralee Cervantes. With limited air conditioning, employees worked in sweltering heat as they investigated at least 22 possible heat-related deaths.

"It's never been like this in my years here," Cervantes said. (AP)

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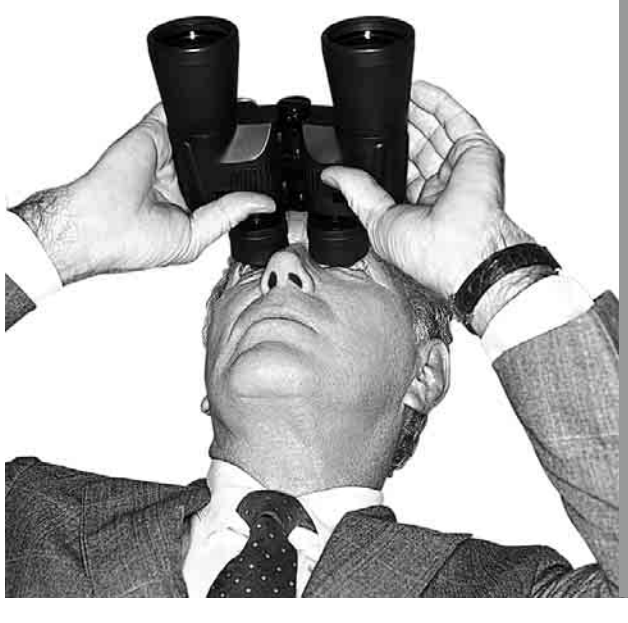

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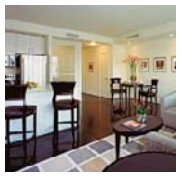

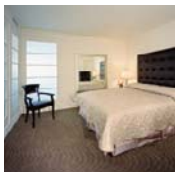

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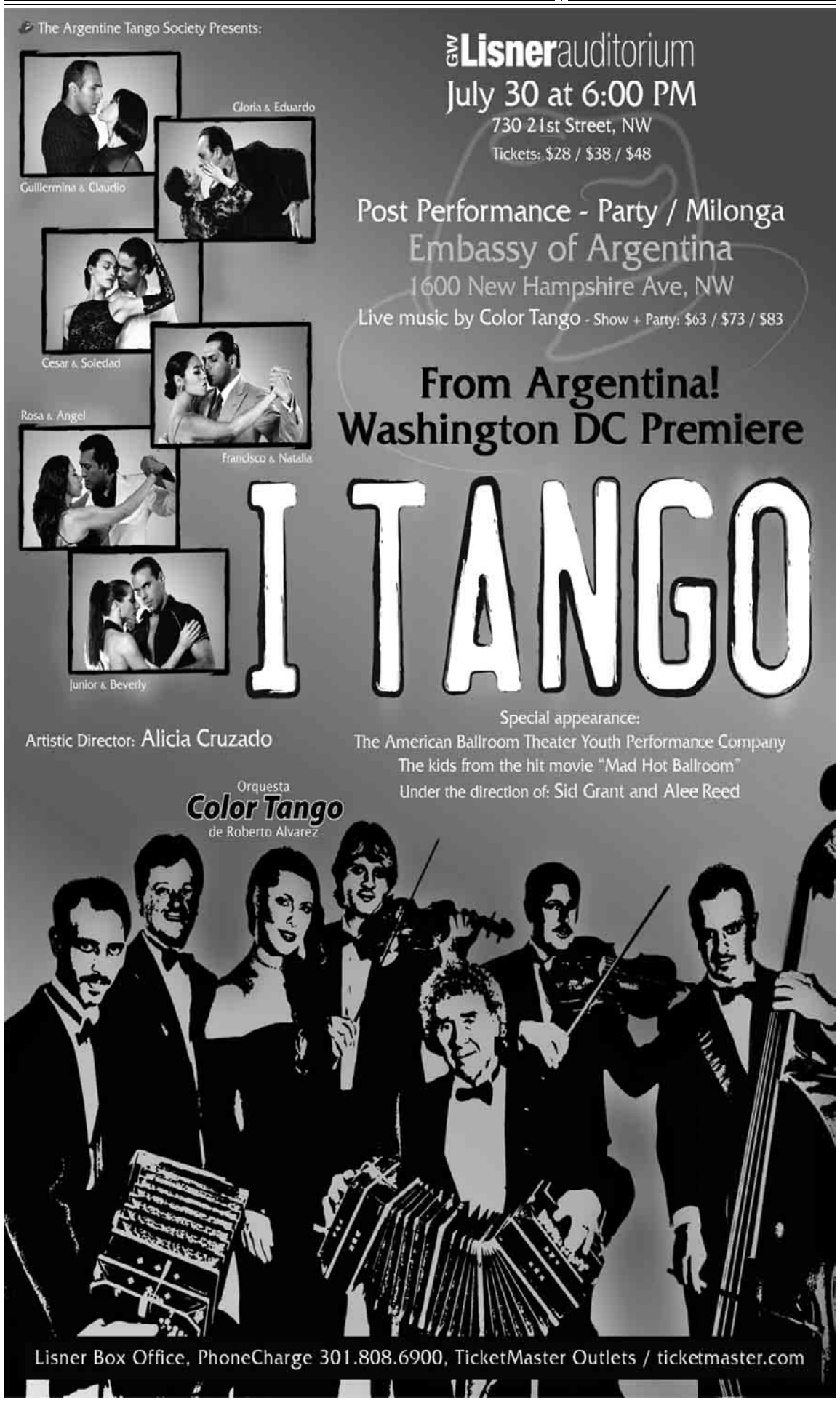

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Big Dig Chair Out Following Death

Mass. turnpike chief resigns after tunnel collapse kills woman

BOSTON | The chief of the agency overseeing Boston's Big Dig resigned Thursday under pressure from the governor, two weeks after falling concrete crushed a woman to death in her car.

The departure of Matthew Amorello, chairman of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, was announced just 90 minutes before a hearing was supposed to begin on Gov. Mitt Romney's effort to remove him from the $14.6 billion highway project.

Romney, a Republican who is considering a run for president in 2008, said Amorello's departure averted a costly and drawn-out legal battle and "also allows the citizens and toll-payers to have confidence again in the Turnpike Authority."

Romney had been pressing for years to remove Amorello from the Big Dig, a highway project dogged by delays, cost overruns, leaks, falling debris and allegations of shoddy workmanship and inferior materials. He turned up the pressure after 39-year-old Milena Del Valle was killed July 10 in one of the Big Dig tunnels when 12 tons of concrete ceiling panels broke loose and fell on her car.

Amorello, 48, had defiantly refused to offer his resignation. But then on Wednesday, Massachusetts' highest court ruled against him and refused to delay Thursday's hearing. BROOKE DONALD (AP)

CHITOSE SUZUKI/AP

Matthew Amorello has resigned from his post as Turnpike Authority chief.

NEW HAMPSHIRE | FATHER AND SON PLAY CATCH

AARON ROHDE/AP

HEAT RELIEF: Tyler Noury takes flight with the help of his dad, Dan, while cooling off in Sunrise Lake in Middleton, N.H., on Thursday. After a week of unrelenting heat, northeastern states were expected to cool off over the weekend.

POWER PLAY: Blackouts caused by sweltering temperatures struck more than 3,000 businesses in London's major shopping district and part of its transit network on Thursday, officials said. Temperatures reached an unusual 86 degrees in central London, officials said.

Al-Qaeda Urges War On Israel

On tape, al-Zawahiri calls for Islam to reign from 'Spain to Iraq'

CAIRO, EGYPT | Al-Qaeda's No. 2 leader Thursday threatened new attacks and called on Muslims worldwide to unite in a holy war against Israel and to join the battle for an Islamic caliphate from "Spain to Iraq."

Ayman al-Zawahri's taped message, the first from al-Qaeda since Israel began offensives against Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon and Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip, was a sweeping recruiting effort that even called for non-Muslims to join the militant Islamic cause.

Al-Zawahri

Addressing the world's "downtrodden," al-Zawahri said non-Muslims should join Islamic militants in the battle against "tyrannical Western civilization and its leader, America."

"The war with Israel does not depend on cease-fires ... . It is a jihad [holy war] for the sake of God and will last until [our] religion prevails ... from Spain to Iraq," said al-Zawahri. "We will attack everywhere." KIM GAMEL (AP)

Israel Opts Not to Widen Offensive

But 30,000 reservists still called up; death toll in Lebanon jumps

JERUSALEM | Israel's government decided Thursday not to expand its battle with Hezbollah in southern Lebanon for now, but authorized the army to call up 30,000 reserve soldiers in case the fighting intensifies. Lebanese officials estimated a civilian death toll as high as 600.

With Hezbollah allies Iran and Syria reportedly meeting in Damascus to discuss the crisis, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said she was "willing and ready" to return to the region to work for a sustainable peace agreement.

But President Bush suggested he would support the offensive for as long as it takes to cripple Hezbollah. He also sharply condemned Iran for its support of the Shiite Muslim militant group.

The call up signaled that Israel was settling in for a much longer battle than had initially been expected, one that could grow far bloodier if Israel decides its air attacks and small-scale invasion into Lebanon are not working and sends in thousands of more ground forces.

In recent days, senior Israeli generals urged the government to authorize a broader ground campaign in southern Lebanon, which they said would help the thousands of troops already engaged in bloody battles there.

MICHAEL ROBINSON CHAVEZ/TWP

ON THE RUN: A car passes through Tyre, Lebanon, on Thursday as residents flee battles and bombings in the country's south.

Israeli airstrikes on southern Lebanon on Thursday struck roads and houses, many believed to be the deserted homes of Hezbollah activists, in Iqlim al-Tuffah. The strikes caused casualties, but fighting kept ambulances and civil defense crews from the areas, security officials and witnesses said.

Israeli Defense Minister Amir Peretz said the strategic damage to Hezbollah was "enormous" and said the group would "not return to what it was."

"I don't feel good. I don't feel good. We are surrounded by Arab countries that want to annihilate us."

Nissim Benbenishty, of Haifa, Israel — where most have fled a barrage of Hezbollah rockets, leaving a core of residents who seem resigned to their fate. | **Today, A1**

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Israel launched its offensive in Lebanon on July 12, after Hezbollah guerrillas overran the border, killed three Israeli soldiers on patrol and captured two others.

Since then, up to 600 civilians in Lebanon have been killed in a punishing campaign of airstrikes, artillery shelling and clashes.

Fifty-two Israelis have been killed in 16 days of fighting, including 33 soldiers and 19 civilians who died in Hezbollah rocket attacks into northern Israel. The guerrillas shot 110 rockets into Israel on Thursday, bringing the total of rockets launched to 1,564. (AP)

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World

In Brief

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Civilian Chopper Crashes in Mountains, Killing Up to 16

American and Afghan troops hiked through rugged terrain Thursday to reach the wreckage of a civilian helicopter that crashed in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan, killing up to 16 people, including at least two Americans. A purported Taliban spokesman claimed the rebels shot down the chopper, but a military official said it probably crashed by accident in bad weather. (AP)

ITAR-TASS/AP

Russia's Vladimir Putin and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez in the Kremlin Thursday.

MOSCOW

Chavez Seals Deal to Buy Jets, Copters From Russia

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Thursday that Russia had helped his country break a U.S.-imposed "blockade" by agreeing to sell Caracas fighter planes and helicopters worth billions of dollars. Neither Chavez nor Russian leader Vladimir Putin gave details about any new deals signed Thursday, but Russia's defense minister said last week that Moscow had agreed to sell the oil-rich South American nation about 30 Su-30 fighter jets and some 30 military helicopters. (AP)

BAIDOA, SOMALIA

Cabinet Ministers Quit as Islamic Militia Makes Gains

Somalia's virtually powerless government was unraveling Thursday as a fifth of its Cabinet resigned in disgust and the administration's Islamic rivals took over the presidential palace in the capital of Mogadishu. Eighteen key ministers in the 102-member Cabinet said their government has failed to bring peace to this chaotic African nation as it emerges from 15 years of anarchy. (AP)

NAME GAME: Some 74,000 ".eu" domain names were frozen this week under suspicion that a syndicate had illegally stockpiled them to sell at a profit. The launch of the ".eu" domain name in April saw a rush of registrations, with nearly 2 million European Web addresses now active.

Dozens Killed in Attack on Baghdad

Rocket fire, car bomb blast tear through Shiite area of capital

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Rockets and mortars rained down Thursday on an upscale, mostly Shiite area of Baghdad, collapsing an apartment house, shattering shops and killing at least 31 people — part of the rising sectarian violence President Bush has vowed to help stop.

A car bomb also exploded during the attack in the commercial-residential district of Karradah, an area that is home to several prominent Shiite politicians.

More than 150 people were injured in the blasts, police said.

Horrified survivors milled about the street hours later, surveying the damage and blaming Sunnis from other neighborhoods.

"We are not infidels. It seems that we are not even safe in our homes," said one man, who, like others on the street, refused to give his name.

AHMAD AL-RUBAYE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

DEADLY WRECK: An Iraqi views damage to Baghdad's Karradah district Thursday after insurgents fired mortars and detonated a car bomb in the mostly Shiite area.

A statement posted late Thursday on an Islamist Web site claimed responsibility in the name of the al-Sahaba Soldiers, a part of the Sunni extremist Mujahedeen Shura Council, which also includes al-Qaeda in Iraq.

The statement, whose authenticity could not be determined, said the attack was "in response to Shiite crimes" and warned "we are prepared for many such operations" to punish Shiites for supporting the "crusaders," or Americans, and the "treacherous" Iraqi government.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki condemned the attack, saying it was carried out by "killers of women and children," including religious extremists and Saddam Hussein loyalists.

He said security forces would hunt down "those terrorists and killers who try to incite sectarian strife." ROBERT H. REID (AP)

SADDAM'S TRIAL ADJOURNS

➜ **After nine** months of testimony, the troubled trial of Saddam Hussein adjourned Thursday until mid-October, when the five judges are expected to render a verdict that could send the ousted president to the gallows.

➜ **Saddam** and seven others are on trial for their alleged roles in the killings of more than 148 Shiite Muslims in the town of Dujail as punishment for an assassination attempt against Saddam there in 1982. (AP)

Congo's Militias OK New Pact Ahead of Vote

BUNIA, CONGO | The two main militia groups in Congo's most troubled province agreed to disarm in exchange for amnesty and positions in the army, a breakthrough that could end fighting in the northeast and ensure a peaceful presidential vote Sunday.

The disarmament pledges were announced Thursday as street clashes broke out in the capital. A campaign rally turned violent after a fire started at a camp for militiamen loyal to a former rebel running for president. A mob burned alive one soldier who allegedly fired into the crowd.

Sunday's vote will be Congo's first democratic presidential election since 1960. Many hope the vote will bring an end to years of corruption and conflict since back-to-back wars that began in 1996.

Though a peace deal ended most fighting in 2002, much of the east remains lawless and racked by sporadic fighting. (AP)

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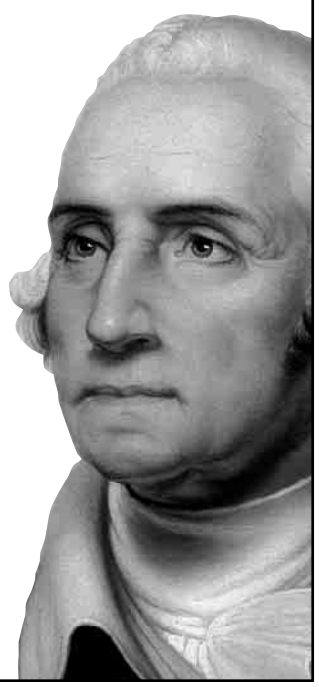

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Money

Exxon Mobil Earns $10.4B

High oil prices and strong demand help drive profits up 36%

DALLAS | Exxon Mobil Corp. said Thursday it earned $10.36 billion in the April-June period, the second largest quarterly profit ever recorded by a publicly traded U.S. company.

The earnings figure was 36 percent more than the profit it reported a year ago. High oil prices and the growing global appetite for fuel helped boost the company's revenue by 12 percent to a level just short of a quarterly record.

"We continue to see demand growth year over year," Henry Hubble, Exxon's vice president of investor relations, told analysts.

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Exxon's $10.36 billion in earnings is the second largest quarterly profit ever.

And as long as oil prices continue to climb, look for more record quarters, said Fadel Gheit, analyst for Oppenheimer & Co.

"The rising tide lifts all boats, including the biggest of them all. Unless there is a price collapse of oil, you will see the second half of the year best its first half," Gheit said.

Exxon Mobil's report comes as many drivers in the U.S. are paying $3 for a gallon of gas — increasing the likelihood of further political backlash in Washington.

But the company is not alone. Royal Dutch Shell PLC said Thursday that second-quarter earnings jumped 40 percent to $7.32 billion.

Exxon Mobil's revenue rose to $99.03 billion. That was short of its third-quarter revenue of $100.72 billion — the most revenue generated by any U.S. public company ever in a single quarter. STEVE QUINN (AP)

Kazaa Settles Piracy Suits for $115M

WASHINGTON | One of the big guns of the Wild West days of freely downloading music and movies over the Internet is going legit.

Settling lawsuits around the world, the company behind software called "Kazaa" said Thursday it will redesign its pioneering file-sharing program to block customers who try to find and download copyrighted music and movies. It also will offer licensed entertainment for a price, and it agreed to pay more than $115 million to leading music and movie companies.

The settlement ends one of the longest-running disputes of the Internet era, in which the entertainment industry spent millions suing Sharman Networks Ltd. and the company's customers to end the illegal trade of its products.

Kazaa's popularity has declined dramatically in recent years amid concerns over "spyware" monitoring programs bundled with its freely distributed software and as new downloading services emerged.

The settlement included payment of $115 million to music companies and a lesser amount to the movie industry, said people familiar with those provisions. TED BRIDIS (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
WolvTub	4.70	+.65	+16.0
Deluxe	15.87	+2.12	+15.4
CoreLab	70.06	+9.07	+14.9
HarrisCorp	43.14	+4.45	+11.5
IronMtn	39.61	+3.84	+10.7

Losers

CDI	19.00	-8.60	-31.2
AdvAmer	13.31	-4.59	-25.6
Navteq	26.25	-8.51	-24.5
Checkpnt	17.36	-4.73	-21.4
Goodman n	11.95	-3.00	-20.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ChinaTDv lf	4.01	+1.87	+87.4
Feathrlte	6.33	+2.08	+48.9
CryoCor	2.21	+.63	+39.9
PocahBcp	15.80	+3.45	+27.9
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Losers

Aldila	13.92	-11.80	-45.9
Plexus	22.89	-10.71	-31.9
Kendle	27.06	-8.54	-24.0
QckLogic	3.14	-.90	-22.3
ICOS Vis	32.05	-8.55	-21.1

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-2.08	-15.99	-5.20
-0.02	-0.77	-0.41
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Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25
3-month disc	4.97	4.97
2-year	5.05	5.06
10-year	5.04	4.99
30-year	5.11	5.03

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5384	.5397	.5738
Canadian Dollar	1.1365	1.1354	1.2336
European Euro	.7878	.7875	.8297
Japanese Yen	115.78	116.28	112.20
Mexican Peso	10.9030	10.9300	10.6480
Taiwanese Dollar	32.74	32.78	31.90

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	47.22	+.12	+19.8
Allergan	108.71	-.75	+.7
AstraZen	59.73	-2.27	+22.9
BarrPhm	47.97	-.39	-23.0
BrMySq	24.04	-1.95	+4.6
ForestLab	46.10	+.08	+13.3
Hospira	43.09	-.79	+.7
IvaxCorp	25.98	...	-17.1
JohnJn	62.56	+.51	+4.1
LillyEli	55.66	+.14	-1.6
Merck	40.98	+.80	+28.8
Pfizer	25.65	+.54	+10.0
SchergPl	20.56	-.13	-1.4
Sepracor	48.27	-.82	-6.5
Wyeth	47.97	+.32	+4.1

COLLARED: Eric Donovan, 21, of Waldorf has been charged in the June 28 theft of a $1,600 Pomeranian puppy from The Mall in Columbia, Md. But police aren't sure whether Donovan was involved from the start or only received the dog after the theft.

Local

In Brief

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Montgomery Eligible for Disaster Aid After Flooding

The federal government has issued a disaster declaration for Montgomery County following heavy rains and flooding earlier this summer, Gov. Robert Ehrlich said Thursday. The county is now eligible for federal help rebuilding roads, bridges and other public infrastructures. Ehrlich also seeks a disaster declaration from the Small Business Administration that would make affected individuals and businesses eligible for low-interest loans. (AP)

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Lending Gun Not Covered In Md. Law, Court Rules

Marylanders can lend a gun to a friend without going through the seven-day waiting period and background check required by state law before guns can be transferred or sold to a new owner, the Court of Appeals ruled Thursday. The state's highest court, in a 4-3 decision, said lending a gun to another person does not constitute "transfer" of a weapon and therefore is not covered by the gun control law dealing with the waiting period and police background checks of potential buyers. (AP)

Summer jobs: 122 youths are working for minimum wage at Metro in a revamped program | **Today's Post, Metro**

Ft. Belvoir to Cluster Jobs

Many new workers heading to Springfield under expansion plan

MCLEAN, VA. | Fort Belvoir, which is expected to add more than 22,000 jobs in the next five years to traffic-choked Fairfax County, announced preliminary plans Thursday to cluster the vast majority of those workers on a largely undeveloped proving ground near Springfield.

Base officials said a major goal of the site plan is to minimize traffic congestion, which is already bad on the U.S. Route 1 corridor on which Belvoir sits. Spokesman Donald Dees said the site plan calls for locating about 18,000 of the 22,000 jobs at the Engineer Proving Ground near Springfield.

Earlier this year, Belvoir officials said they were exploring several options for locating the workers, including a city center plan that would cluster the workers and a campus layout that would disperse them. Dees said the site plan is essentially a hybrid of the campus and city-center models.

The new jobs are part of the Base Closing and Realignment Commission's recommendations. Belvoir will nearly double its employment base by 2011 and is getting a larger influx of personnel than any other U.S. military base affected by the BRAC process. (AP)

PRINCESS ANNE, MD. | NOT-SO-CLEAN GETAWAY

MATTHEW S. GUNBY/SALISBURY DAILY TIMES/AP

BATH TIME: Autumn Perdue, 9, with the Wicomico 4-H Livestock Club, watches as her goat, Dandelion, tries to escape being washed by jumping in the air Thursday at the Somerset County Fair in Princess Anne, Md.

Pr. George's Officer Fatally Shoots Suspect

SEAT PLEASANT, MD. | A Prince George's County police officer fatally shot a man Wednesday night after a traffic stop, the department said Thursday.

Police say Edward Bennett Douglass, 24, fled in a car, but was stopped nearby. According to police, Douglass refused to raise his hands and reached for an unknown object when confronted by police.

He was shot once in the torso, but managed to drive away and then flee on foot before police caught him. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, July 27

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-0-1
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	5-1-1
Mid-day DC 4	3-4-4-7
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	7-6-0-0
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	18-28-03-10-09
Daily 6 (Wed.)	34-12-16-28-25-10 Bonus: 39
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	7-17-28-38-39 (17)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	4-7-4
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-3-3
Mid-day Pick 4	6-3-8-8
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-5-7-8
Match 5 (Wed.)	26-28-29-30-32 Bonus: 13
Multi-Match (Wed.)	16-18-26-27-33-43

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	2-5-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	7-9-7
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	1-2-4-6
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-9-4-4
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	2-5-28-29-33
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	3-4-14-17-24
Win for Life (Wed.)	21-23-24-25-32-35 (40)

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BAYWATCH: The Fort Washington lighthouse, left, is a popular summer destination. Blackwater, right, offers wildlife sights.

9 ideas for a Chesapeake adventure

Bay-Trippin'

SULTANA OF THE EARTH: Two-hour tours about this replica give a feel for life aboard this schooner in 1768.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: COURTESY OF JERRY WATERS; RICKY CARIOTI/TWP; SORA DEVORE/FTWP

IT'S BEEN ALMOST 400 YEARS since Capt. John Smith set off from Jamestown in a 30-foot open boat to map the Chesapeake Bay, and though it hardly qualifies as uncharted territory anymore — about 10 million people live along or near its shores — it's still a great destination for exploration.

It's 64,000 square miles of water make the Chesapeake North America's largest estuary. With more than 11,600 miles of shoreline (including its tidal wetlands and islands), the bay boasts more coastland that the entire West Coast of the United States. (Take that, California!)

It also supports more than 3,600 different species of plants and animals, including three species of whales, and in 1994, a manatee from Florida called Chessie, who spent his summer vacation cutting through its waters before being airlifted home in October.

We're betting that the Bay is an easier day trip for most of us than it was for dear Chessie. So what are you waiting for?

Why not make like Smith and chart your own course this summer?

In the event that you're not sure what floats your boat, here is a detailed guide to nine activities to help get your feet wet:

1 Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge is a birders' paradise tucked alongside the Blackwater River on Maryland's Eastern Shore. With four bike loops ranging in length from three to 25 miles and three color-coded paddling trails, the refuge calls out for self-guided (not to mention self-paced) exploration.

2 Tiny Tangier Island in the middle of the bay feels like a land that time forgot. Accessible only by boat or plane, Tangier is home to about 600 year-round residents, mostly "watermen" (and women) whose families have made their living on the Chesapeake for centuries.

3 Test out your own saltwater buoyancy at Sandy Point, a 786-acre state park on the Chesapeake. Enjoy the view of the Bay Bridge while you dunk your fanny, but try not to gloat at the cars stuck in traffic.

4 Held annually in Crisfield, Md. (the self-proclaimed "Crab Capital of the World"), the National Hard Crab Derby and Fair is a three-day shindig Sept. 1-3 that includes crab-cooking and crab-picking contests as well as two races: the hard crab derby, which is open to the public, and the Governor's Cup, which features 50 elite crustaceans, each bearing a moniker sent in from a different U.S. governor.

5 For a bird's-eye view of the Chesapeake, consider going aerial in mankind's earliest means of flight: the hot air balloon. Nash Balloons' private sunrise and sunset flights take off just east of the bay on Maryland's Eastern Shore and land, well, wherever the wind blows.

6 If you've never been to a 300th birthday bash, this is your lucky year. Quaint Chestertown, Md., a small town perched on the Chester River (a bay tributary) and lined with brick sidewalks and charming 19th-century architecture, celebrates the big 3-0-0 all year.

7 Indulge your inner Skipper (or Gilligan) during a two-hour tour on the Sultana, a 21st-century replica of a 1768 schooner of the same name.

8 Nine lighthouses are on the agenda for the Maryland Lighthouse Challenge weekend. Sponsored by the Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society, the challenge is a two-day celebration in September of land-based "lights."

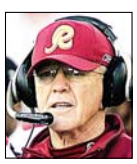
9 Lastly, you can help save the Bay during the Baltimore Aquarium's Fort McHenry Field Days. Started in 1998 as part of the aquarium's conservation effort, the field days are a chance for community members to help clean debris from the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore. The next cleanup event, scheduled for National Public Lands Day, is Sept. 30. BRIDGET BENTZ SIZER (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)

ALSO THIS SUNDAY

New-Look Piedmont

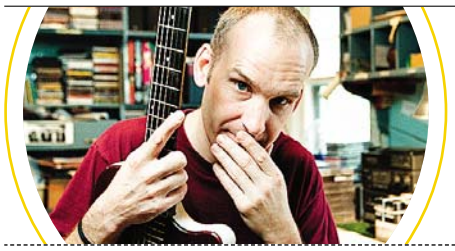
Virginia's Blue Ridge is undergoing a dramatic transformation to a place where people can make city-quality money, and satisfy city-quality tastes, sans the city. | **Style**

Hail to the Super Bowl?



The Redskins open training camp Sunday on an upward trajectory. Whetted by last season's playoff run, winning means winning it all. A full-page preview of the season. | **Sports**

Bay seasoning: Now that you know what to do on the Chesapeake, learn how to do it and how much it costs Sunday in the Washington Post | **Sunday Source**



NIGHTLIFE AGENDA

Come On Home: Platinum punk Ian MacKaye brings a quieter threat, the Evens, to his old stomping grounds at Fort Reno. | **22**

Entertainment Weekend

A Serious 'Vice'

'Miami Vice' remains sexy and violent, but loses the pastels

FILM | Unlike other recent film versions of TV shows like "The Dukes of Hazzard," "Starsky & Hutch" and "Bewitched," which toyed with the innate campiness of their source material, "Miami Vice" plays it straight.

It's so self-serious at times, it'll prompt you to laugh out loud at moments that aren't supposed to be funny. Which is a letdown because, theoretically, this is Michael Mann's pure, true vision, now that he's free from the television decency standards that constrained him when his series was at the height of its pop-culture prowess in the mid-1980s.

The film looks fantastic, though — shot in intense, intimate high-definition. It's still a sexy, rock 'n' roll world of crime and corruption that the ever-fashionable vice cops Sonny Crockett and Ricardo Tubbs inhabit. And a couple of shootouts are inordinately creative in their violence and bloodshed.

UNIVERSAL PICTURES

NOTHING CUTE ABOUT IT: This is an update, but Colin Farrell is stuck in the '70s.

But the story is simultaneously convoluted and forgettable. It's actually quite easy to lose track of what these people are supposed to be doing while they're zooming around in expensive convertibles and slashing by speedboat through Biscayne Bay.

This time, Jamie Foxx rides shotgun as Tubbs to Colin Farrell's Crockett. And he's woefully underused, even though he clearly serves as the film's sole source of depth, while Farrell gets the corny lines.

No pastel T-shirts or white linen suits like Don Johnson and Philip Michael Thomas used to wear; everything in this modern-day Miami setting comes in dark, understated shades of steely blue and gray. The most striking style statement is Farrell's hair — is that a mullet or not? And does playing an undercover detective dictate that he has to wear that porn-star mustache?

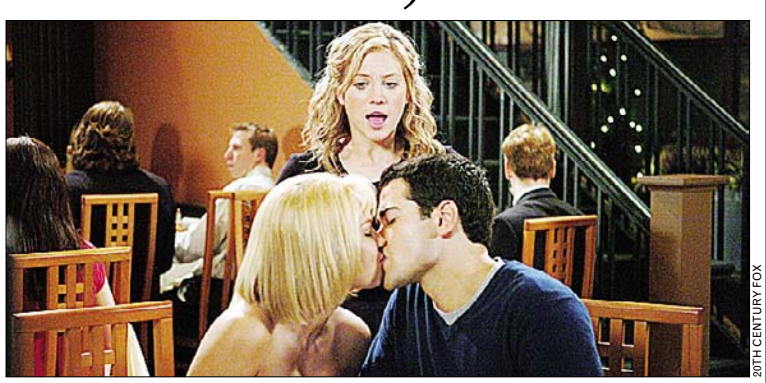
These guys don't screw around, though, and that can be thrilling to watch. They bust in, kick butt, blow things up and leave, all in time to grab a couple of mojitos afterward. But don't expect any buddy-cop banter from this incarnation of Crockett and Tubbs. They're all business, and Mann, as writer-director, has made a refreshing choice by not trying to force a cutesy friendship on them. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

This Movie Shoots, Scores

'John Tucker Must Die' is a dish best served to teenagers

FILM | The title "John Tucker Must Die" suggests a teen flick in the vein of the great black comedy "Heathers," but audiences will instead see a cute film that's a cut above the typical adolescent farce. Targeted at teenage girls, "Tucker" offers a quartet of likable young women who bond rather than catfight through cinematic high school clichés.

Director Betty Thomas and screenwriter Jeff Lowell sidestep the gross gags that litter most youth comedies. Though the movie strays deep and often into saccharine country, the filmmakers treat the characters with more respect than teens normally get in Hollywood.



20TH CENTURY FOX

SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK: What kind of moron would cheat on Ashanti?

Jesse Metcalfe stars as John Tucker, the captain of the basketball team, the hottest guy in school and, through meticulous scheduling, a youth blessed with three girlfriends unaware he's triple-timing them.

On John's hook are cheerleader Heather (pop singer Ashanti), overachiever Carrie (Arielle Kebbel) and animal-rights activist Beth (Sophia Bush).

They've been chosen by John because they belong to different cliques and are unlikely to ever speak to one another. But when the truth comes out, the three conspire with a misfit school newcomer, Kate (Brittany Snow), to take revenge.

Thomas maintains a pace brisk enough that parents forced to take their kids to see "John Tucker," will find their pain over quickly. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

Got Plans?

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I'm headed to my first Screen on the Green on Monday and I'm wondering about logistics. How early should we get to the Mall? Do people bring chairs? Anything else we should know?

The lawn was pretty packed by 7 p.m. — you may just have to sit a little farther away from the screen. If you want to be close to the screen, aim for the 6 p.m. hour. Both chairs and blankets are fine; you also can bring food, and a lot of people brought their dogs. Dogs love Steve McQueen.

The National Mall, between the U.S. Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial; Mondays at dusk, free.

TWP ARCHIVES

Steve McQueen is the epitome of cool in "Bullitt," playing Monday night.

My boyfriend will be coming to town during Restaurant Week. He loves Italian food and seafood. A fun, intimate atmosphere is a plus.

Oh, that is quite serendipitous. Hank's Oyster Bar is fun and intimate with great seafood. For Italian, try Notti Bianche in Foggy Bottom. They are quite generous with Restaurant Week offerings and have amazing gnocchi.

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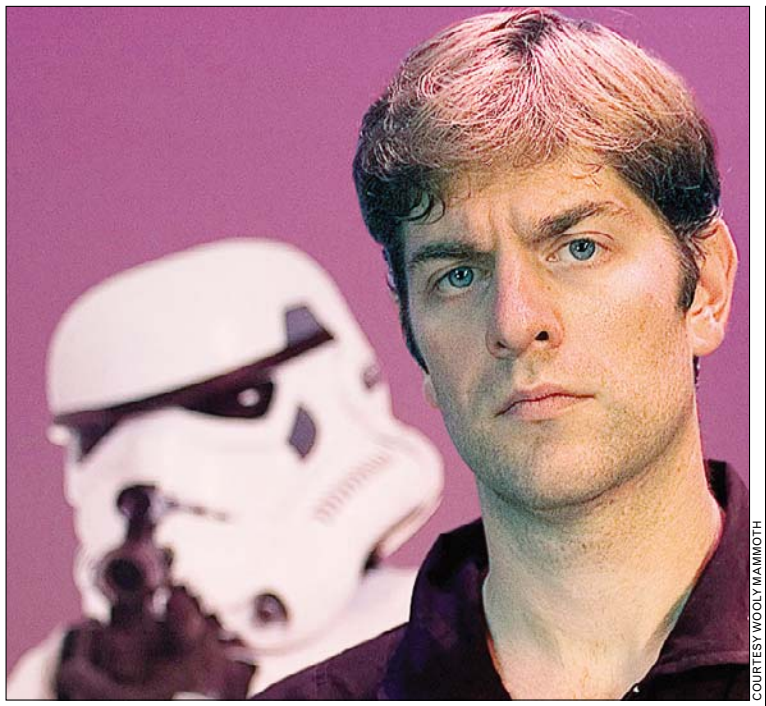
Multiple Personalities

Ross acts fast in his hilarious, hyperactive 'Star Wars' tribute

STAGE | If it were up to Charles Ross, the first change he'd make to the original "Star Wars" trilogy would be to cast himself in all the roles.

Instead of waiting around for George Lucas to make yet another version of his films with an all-Ross cast, the young actor has taken things into his own hands with his show, "One Man Star Wars Trilogy," playing through Sunday at Woolly Mammoth Theatre as part of the Capital Fringe Fest.

The "Star Wars" show is exactly what it sounds like — Ross gets on stage for an hour and re-enacts the sci-fi/adventure series, the first (or second, depending on your level of fanboyness) three films — from the characters to the sound effects to the score. In a single scene, Ross jumps from character to character, adding any whoosh, growl or trumpet flourish needed to round out the episode. The force is indeed strong in this one.



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NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL ACTING! Ross actually looks kind of like Mark Hamill.

In your expert opinion, did Greedo shoot first, or was that just a blunder by George Lucas?

The easiest way for me to answer would be that I thought about it, cared and was never asked for my opinion on this "issue" until I started doing this show. My answer/de facto solution is not to include the scene in my show.

Is there a particular scene that you really love to do?

I love the confrontation between Luke, Darth Vader and the Emperor in "Return of the Jedi" for two reasons: The Emperor is such a sarcastic bastard, and because it's at the end of my hour and I can take a shower.

Who is your favorite character?

Hard to say. The Emperor is such a wondrous bastard, it's hard not to like him.

Any plans to re-enact the new trilogy?

Possibly.

You also did a "One Man Lord of the Rings Trilogy" show. Do you have any other plans to re-enact other works? Perhaps the "One Man Indiana Jones Trilogy?"

If they can just come up with one more addition to the "Terms of Endearment" franchise, well, I think we all know what's next. Maybe something with "The Muppets" or "The Matrix" — it's hard to say.

SCOTT ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)

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The Ghost of Greatness

Comedy icon Woody Allen fails again with his new film 'Scoop'

FILM | Woody Allen remains in recycle mode. He scored his biggest critical and commercial hit in a long while with last year's "Match Point," which revisited themes of murder and blind justice he previously examined in "Crimes and Misdemeanors."

His latest, "Scoop," is a mirror image of "Match Point," flipping that film's droll, dark story of infidelity and violent scheming among London's upper crust to a similar tale played for laughs.

The basic plot of "Scoop" — two hapless people play amateur sleuths to discover whether a man is a murderer — also is reminiscent of an earlier Allen film, "Manhattan Murder Mystery."

Scarlett Johansson stars as Sondra Pronsky, an American journalism student vacationing in London. Attending a performance by a magician, Sid Waterman (Allen), Sondra is hauled on stage for a disappearing act, during which she encounters the ghost of the recently departed Joe Strombel (Ian McShane), a legendary British reporter.

FOCUS FEATURES

Hotties Hugh Jackman and Scarlett Johansson can't redeem Allen's script.

Joe's come back from the dead to find someone to pursue a great news tip passed on to him in the hereafter: That dashing aristocrat Peter Lyman (Hugh Jackman) actually is a modern Jack the Ripper snuffing prostitutes.

Sondra and Sid carry out an elaborate charade to infiltrate Peter's social circle and investigate, with romantic sparks flying.

The performances are uniformly one-note, but Johansson and Jackman are so perky and pretty together, they make the time pass amiably enough. Allen's bound to be a drag for all but his loyal fans, while McShane's role is fleeting and overly genteel, sorely needing an injection of the sardonic venom he displays on HBO's "Deadwood."

Allen's doing a third movie set in London. It would be nice to have something fresh from the Manhattanite, rather than a rehash of a story he's told better in New York. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

JENNIFER SZYMASZEK

SOUNDTRACK IDEA: There's this great Tom Petty song that would be perfect.

American Girl Film In Works

ADAPTATIONS | The American Girl empire is pushing into a new frontier — movie theaters. Walden Media, the production company owned by billionaire Philip Anschutz, will team up with the makers of American Girl dolls to produce a film about one of the toy line's most popular young heroines, Kit Kittredge.

American Girl is a line of premium dolls geared toward young girls and equipped with a staggering array of accessories.

The most famous American Girl line depicts young characters from different decades in U.S. history. An entire library of books (which have sold more than 111 million copies) and two made-for-television movies have chronicled their adventures; more than 12 million dolls have been sold.

Now, Anschutz's company will take one of them, a clever Ohio girl with a bobbed haircut, to theaters. Anschutz has shown a willingness to splurge in the name of projects that fit his view of wholesome and inspiring family fare. He paid half of the budget for "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" and was involved in "Around the World in 80 Days"

GEOFF BOUCHER (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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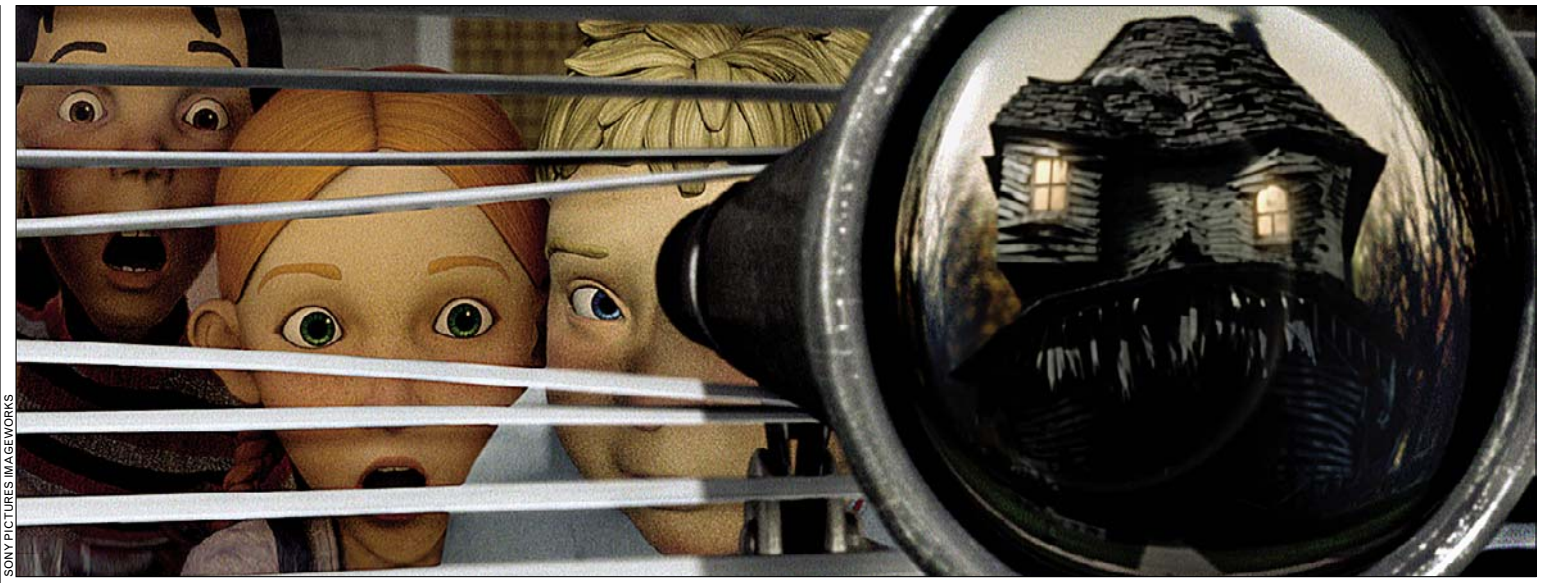
THE BREAK-UP (PG-13, 105 minutes) Vince Vaughn plays Gary, whose idea of a good time is shooting pool, watching the Cubs or firing up a video game while his girlfriend, Brooke (Jennifer Aniston), kvetches in the background. She's a humor-impaired gallery dealer with a sharp eye for Gary's domestic shortcomings. She may be right, but he's funny. And in comedy, serious loses and funny wins. Nobody likes a fixed fight, except the backroom boys making the deal, which is why this comedy may have its share of laughs but isn't much fun. (DT)



SONY PICTURES IMAGEWORKS

THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT: All the classic elements are in place in "Monster House" — ordinary neighborhood, curious little kids, crazed, child-eating domicile.

CARS (G, 116 minutes) This animated fable is the story of a fellow with what might be called auto-erratic tendencies. He pays too much attention to himself and must have his frame straightened, his lube changed. Okay, so? He's a car. Our hero, Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson), is a sleek, red sportster on the racing circuit. He thinks quite highly of himself, particularly when he ties for the Piston Cup. A runoff is set in California a week hence, even if Lightning's crew has abandoned him because of his selfish ways. Off he sets, in the belly of his one remaining friend, a big rig geared for auto transport. This is the latest concoction from the geniuses at Pixar, and it's great fun, if well under the level of the first "Toy Story." (SH)

CLERKS II (R, 98 minutes) When Kevin Smith made "Clerks" 12 years ago, he almost immediately became a cult hero, the guy who sold his beloved comic book collection to direct his first film, a grainy, black-and-white comedy about two convenience store employees who yak, slack off and play the occasional game of roof hockey at their nominal place of employment. Well, Dante and Randal are back and, aficionados will be gratified to learn, have grown up only slightly. This sequel finds them still bantering with customers, having movie geek-offs (the "Star Wars" vs. "Lord of the Rings" argument is priceless) and relishing crude innuendo. This is a lewd, lascivious, exhilaratingly life-affirming celebration of misfits and the misfits who love them. (AH)

CLICK (PG-13, 98 minutes) Adam Sandler, impersonating workaholic architect Michael Newman, acquires the ultimate in universal remotes — that is, a remote that controls the universe. With the click of a button, he is able to fast forward through the boring or unpleasant parts of his life, pause to extract a petty revenge on oppressors, turn down the volume on arguments with his wife. It's a crass physical comedy of unrelenting irrelevance with a gag or two amid the many other examples of bad taste. But what's wrong with this movie isn't the movie, it's Sandler himself, his sensibility, his sense of humor, which is aggressively hostile. Halfway through the overlong film I was the one wishing for a remote. I'd have at that off button so fast it'd make your nose bleed. (SH)

THE DA VINCI CODE (PG-13, 148 minutes) The most controversial thriller of the year turns out to be about as exciting as watching your parents play Sudoku. Ron Howard's adaptation of the Dan Brown novel plays it so safe that it actually may be proven to lower pulses. From a dispassionate Tom Hanks as symbologist Robert Langdon to a script carefully written to mollify Christians already upset by the film's premise of a Jesus and Mary Magdalene hook-up, this film is a bland piece of high-grade cheese. Still, the readers who gulped down Brown's thriller — in which a murder leads to revelations about a conspiracy in the Catholic church — will enjoy seeing his talky scavenger hunt reenacted. (AH)

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13, 109 minutes) Meryl Streep plays Miranda Priestly, the driven, demanding editor-in-chief of "Runway," the bible of New York fashion magazines. Unable to keep a decent assistant, Miranda's latest hire is Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway), the smart girl who eschews fashion (at first) and arrives at her job at "Runway" head-to-toe out of place. She wants to be a serious writer. She is horrified by Miranda's demands, even though they are legendary to anyone who knows anything about the industry. Can Andy survive a year of Miranda and, in return, win a recommendation that will get her in the door at any magazine in Manhattan? That, in essence, is the plot of the film. Streep makes it work. Streep makes it fun. (JENNIFER FREY)

GARFIELD: A TAIL OF TWO KITTIES (PG, 88 minutes) Despite the Dickensian title, this movie draws its inspiration (maybe too grand a word) from Mark Twain's "The

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Prince and the Pauper," about a high-born and a low-born of identical appearance who involuntarily switch places in the capital city of the British empire. But these transferees are fat orange tabbies. The movie is intermittently amusing, particularly when the American human part of the cast (Breckin Meyer and Jennifer Love Hewitt) are off-screen. (SH)

THE HEART OF THE GAME (PG-13, 98 minutes) This documentary about a first-time basketball coach who takes a girls' high-school team from obscurity to the state finals combines non-stop action with an absorbing story to become a classic on par with "Hoosiers" and "Hoop Dreams."Seattle's Roosevelt High School coach, Bill Resler, a college professor, moonlights out of love for the game and belief in women's sports. There are the David-and-Goliath victories, the squabbles, the sweat, the tears, the joy. And then there's Darnellia Russell, who possesses the intuitive physical genius of a great player; when her story takes a twist, the film acquires an unexpected depth and urgency. (AH)

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG, 100 minutes) This documentary by Davis Guggenheim follows Al Gore on his world tour, in which he warns audiences that humankind faces dire climatic consequences if it doesn't curb carbon dioxide emissions. We know what you're thinking, but as this surprisingly absorbing film shows, Gore's lectures are anything but dull. Although his onstage presentation tells us nothing new, it has a renewed potency, in light of growing scientific consensus about changing weather patterns. There will be those speculators who see the stirrings of a presidential run. But for viewers of any stripe, there's something perhaps even more fascinating: a quintessentially American story of reinvention. (DT)

LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13, 95 minutes) When an otherworldly being called Story (Bryce Dallas Howard) emerges from a swimming pool behind a dingy apartment building and into the arms of its bewildered superintendent, Cleveland Heep (Paul Giamatti), he discovers she needs protection. But from what? Slowly he learns she's a "narf," a nymph who has come on land to find a man of deep significance. But she dare not leave his apartment because of creatures in the woods beyond the run-down high-rise. Cleveland, a guy who has resigned himself to a life plunging toilets, soon understands that he's at the beginning of something significant. A mission. But in a movie laden with enough symbolism, shamanism and mythic lore to make Joseph Campbell dance a tribal jig, director M. Night Shyamalan never forgets to have fun. At the center of all this is Giamatti, whose performance demands short-list consideration come award time. (DT).

20TH CENTURY FOX

AND DON'T DUMP HER: Rule No.1, guys, is never date a girl with superpowers.

THE LAKE HOUSE (PG, 120 minutes) Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock fall in love by letters that pass not through the U.S. Postal Service, but the fabric of reality itself. The magical mailbox is in front of a house on the edge of a lake. The problem is that Reeves's Alex Wyler is in '04 and Bullock's Kate Forster is in '06. The movie itself doesn't take time travel very seriously, or it doesn't take science fiction very seriously. The characters are more interesting than the story, so why not just let it play out in real time? It's sugary sweet and based on a premise that's ridiculous. (SH)

THE LOST CITY (R, 143 minutes) Actual memories are at the heart of Andy Garcia's tribute to pre-revolutionary Havana, an elegy on what was lost, a little payback for a regime that drove his family out and, best of all, a synthesis of the driving Afro-Cuban rhythms of the extraordinary music. (SH)

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG-13, 126 minutes) The problem with the first two "M:I" movies was that they should have been called "Mission: Highly Probable." Too often the action came down to Tom Cruise's character, Ethan Hunt, troubleshooting a computer system or dangling from a guy wire. The wires are still there in this sequel, but Cruise is at his scowling/smiling best as he jumps, shoots and leaves. Best is Philip Seymour Hoffman as the baddie. (AH)

MONGOLIAN PING PONG (Unrated, 102 minutes) The people of the vast prairies of Mongolia may be hopelessly disconnected from industrial civilization, but they hardly notice it. They have what they have, and it's enough. But now and then, a little magic arrives. One day, a irrepressible little boy named Bilike finds a glowing pearl in the river. Granny quickly confirms that the object is of some holy significance. You and I would of course recognize the holy pearl as a ping-pong ball. And wouldn't that be our loss? We'd never share the joy that the mysterious arrival brings to Bilike and its galvanizing force on his small society. To this boy, and director Hao Ning is brilliant in portraying this reality without sentimentalizing it, the object is tremulous with meaning, translucent with the blessings of heaven. Hao never breaks this spell of enchantment. The grasslands seem oddly serene, and to watch them is to feel your pulse rate flatten out — yet another aspect of this film's transcendent charm. In Mongolian with subtitles. (SH)

MONSTER HOUSE (PG, 91 minutes) The animated story of a boy who discovers that the house across the way is a monster with a voracious appetite for children just his age, this movie is a grisly, often cynical piece of work whose joyless, aggressive spirit is made even less appealing by its soulless visual style. Steve Buscemi provides the voice of Mr. Nebbercracker, a freakishly frightening elderly man who regularly confiscates any ball, bicycle or other errant toy that falls on his pristine lawn. When young DJ (Mitchel Musso) runs afoul of Nebbercracker, he realizes that it's the house, not its owner, who is the real neighborhood malefactor. What unfolds is by turns tiresome and terrifying, as the house comes to creepy life and its back story — gothic to the point of grotesqueness — is revealed. (AH)

MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13, 95 minutes) After Matt Saunders (Luke Wilson) dumps his girlfriend, he makes an interesting discovery: She's not only crazy, she's super. Her name is G-Girl (Uma Thurman). Hell hath no fury like an uberwoman scorned; she even tries to fry his goldfish with her X-ray vision. She tosses a shark through his bedroom window. She puts his car in orbit. The two starring performances are spot on. But after the shark in the apartment scene, you should leave. What remains isn't merely stupid and pointless, it is, more unforgivably, laughless. Look! Up in the air! It's two-thirds of a bird! It's two-thirds of a plane! It's two-thirds of a funny movie called "My Super Ex-Girlfriend"! (SH)

NACHO LIBRE (PG, 90 minutes) Jack Black, hiding behind a large, bad Mexican accent and a perm from hell, plays Ignacio, nicknamed Nacho, a monk in an orphanage whose job consists of fixing beans for the kids. Beans? Bean jokes? Okay, beans are funny — if you're 12. Nacho secretly signs up for a wrestling match to raise money to buy lettuce for salads to relieve the monotony of the beans and perhaps give us sanctuary from the bean jokes. The movie then follows the secret career of Nacho Libre the wrestler, juxtaposing it with the banality of the monk Ignacio, who is the butt of all that witty monastery repartee. Is it funny? Now and then. Stupid? Very. Racist? Possibly. Ugly? Profoundly. Wild? Undeniably. Singular? Completely. (AH)

ONCE IN A LIFETIME: THE EXTRAORDINARY STORY OF THE NEW YORK COSMOS (PG-13, 97 minutes) This informative and entertaining documentary by Paul Crowder and John Dower blows the dust off a fascinating era: the rise and fall of America's most storied soccer team. In the 1970s, the Cosmos attracted sellout crowds and made soccer in the Big Apple a must-see sport. The movie gives an evocative sense of the period, and anyone who wants to relive this flamboyant but fleeting chapter in America's uneven soccer history should not miss this. (DT)

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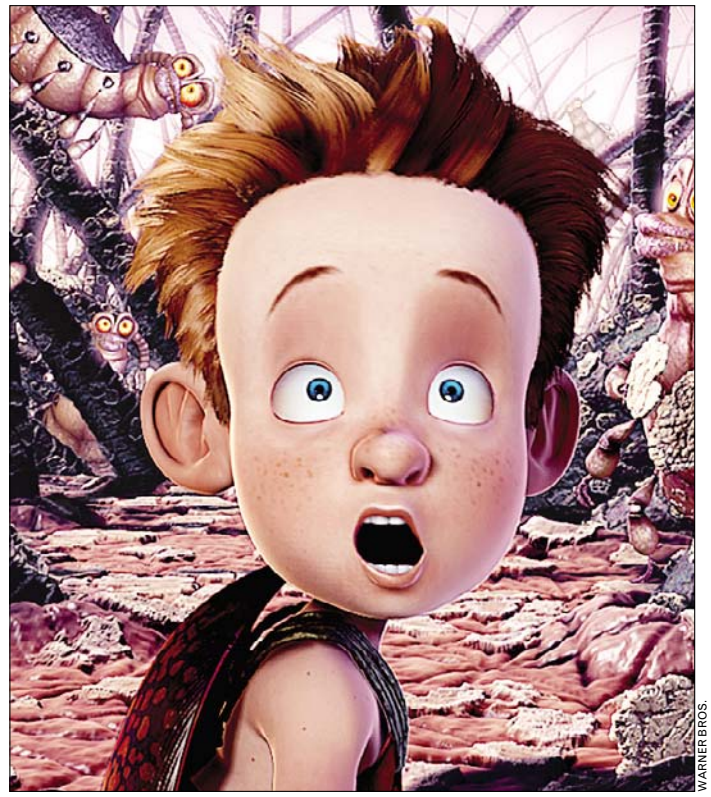

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TWO LEGS BAD, SIX LEGS BETTER

Down on the Farm

Another week, another animated movie with a starry vocal cast. This time it's "The Ant Bully." With Meryl Streep! Julia Roberts! Nicolas Cage! Produced by ... Tom Hanks! Despite the wattage, though, the movie sheds no new light. But the movie certainly means well, and has a worthwhile message — teamwork is good, selfishness is bad. Ten-year-old Lucas floods the ant hill in his front yard, causing mass chaos and destruction for the tiny bugs scurrying below. But "Lucas the Destroyer," as the ants call him, learns to feel their pain when Wizard Ant Zoc (Cage) crawls up while he's in bed asleep and pours a drop of potion into his ear that shrinks him to their size. It's never less than colorful and high-energy. But it's hard to shake the feeling that we've all gone up this hill before.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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OVER THE HEDGE (PG, 87 minutes) The woodland creatures' habitat is losing ground to development. They've got no choice but to slip through the big hedge that rings the human world and make for the trash cans. Welcome to an amusing war between cute critters and crass consumers. On the good side, we have a scheming raccoon named RJ (voiced by Bruce Willis) and his pals. And in the villains' corner, we have Gladys (Allison Janney), a homemaker with the soul of Cruella De Vil who dispatches an exterminator to take care of the furry invaders. Jokes are packed into every pixel of this movie, but there's such a knowing swagger about its comedy, there seems to be no innocence in the mix at all. (DT)

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13, 140 minutes) Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) is dispatched to steal Jack Sparrow's (Johnny Depp) mystical compass, which is believed to lead to the chest containing the soul of Davy Jones. And Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) stows away as a man aboard Sparrow's ship to find fiance Will, who's presumed lost. The movie's most entertaining feature is its computer-generated creations. There's a creepy pleasure in the shipload of spectral, grotesque pirates who haunt Sparrow's scheming soul. But don't look for the collision of innocence and danger that made the first film so provocative. (DT)

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A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION (PG-13, 105 minutes) There's no mention of Lake Wobegon in this Robert Altman film. Instead, Altman and Garrison Keillor concoct a sort of parallel universe in which a radio show faces its final broadcast. The film is a loopy backstage drama, with Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin and Lindsay Lohan playing new characters and Keillor officiating the proceedings. It seems a corporation has bought the station and intends to turn it into a parking lot. But until that moment, Keillor is determined to let the show go on. There are snatches of fun throughout the film, but as it tries to embrace the spirit of the radio series, it suffocates the qualities that make the original show so special. (DT)

A SCANNER DARKLY (R, 100 minutes) Richard Linklater's adaptation of Philip K. Dick's novel is in a special dimension. The director has re-rendered scenes with an electronic, watercolorish wash, transforming everything into a restive painting. The film, set "seven years from now" in Anaheim, Calif., pulls us into a world so lost in narcotic oblivion (20 percent of the population is hooked on a drug called Substance D) that no one quite grasps the larger dystopia. Without its animation, this would have made a fine cautionary tale about drug addiction, paranoia and institutional treachery in a police state. But with a technique that turns the existing live action into a two-dimensional cartoon, the movie goes one — maybe even 10 — better. It becomes its own living, breathing metaphor. (DT)

THE WEINSEIT COMAPNY

GAINFULLY UNEMPLOYED: Jay and Silent Bob continue to hang out in "Clerks II."

SHAWDOWBOXER (R, 93 minutes) The central conceit of this movie is that middle-aged Rose (Helen Mirren) and her younger companion, Mikey (Cuba Gooding Jr.), are a mom-and-stepson killing team. Rose has just learned she's dying of cancer. She has been philosophical lately. When she finds herself face to face with a heavily pregnant woman — another contract hit — she can't squeeze the trigger. She even ends up taking in the woman, and a family of two becomes four. Mikey seethes, works out and kills more targets to pay for diapers. The movie's interplay of graphic violence and cool-speak, and its showy shoot-'em-up set pieces, owe everything to the films of John Woo and Quentin Tarantino. But changing the gender brings nothing new to this subgenre; it just adds a skirt and a British accent. If only the film had gone for more than an unwavering commitment to imitate better movies, it might have been one for the cult shelves at the video store. Right now, you'll be lucky if you find it in the giveaway bin. (DT)

STRANGERS WITH CANDY (R, 87 minutes) The very sight of ex-jailbird, ex-junkie prostitute Jerri Blank will set her cult fans giggling, and as played with sour-mouthed conviction by Amy Sedaris, she's so grotesquely unpalatable, well, she's a comedic scream. The movie, starring most of the original performers and a celebrity cast that includes Philip Seymour Hoffman and Sarah Jessica Parker, recounts the events that led to forty-something Jerri's return to high school. Though the movie has its share of laugh-out-loud moments, its fleshing out of the story of Jerri's life blunts the original show's jagged satire. A long-winded, even tedious story becomes the focus, not the comedy. (DT)

SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13, 154 minutes) Superman's been gone for five years seeking remnants of Krypton among the stars. Satisfied, if melancholy that the old home orb is forever gone, he returns to Earth. Lois Lane (Kate Bosworth), for example, now has a child and a boyfriend, and Lex Luthor (Kevin Spacey) has just exited the slammer and started a new shenanigan. It follows that Lois and Clark deal with buried feelings, and there's even time for Supe to remember his boyhood in Kansas. What's missing? Oh, right, a plot. But the bottom line is that Superman has returned, and again, you will believe that a man can fly and that virtue is its own reward. (SH)

THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R, 92 minutes) As a lobbyist for the tobacco industry, Nick Naylor (Aaron Eckhart) realizes

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that disingenuousness is a moral survival strategy. Watching Nick get away with murder is the fun of this adaptation of Christopher Buckley's 1994 novel. But as a satire on Tobacco Inc.'s ability to market carbon monoxide as the elixir of life, this movie should be packing more nicotine. (DT)

WAIST DEEP (R, 97 minutes) Tyrese Gibson plays O2, an ex-con with two strikes against him, determined not to stumble into California's Three Strikes Law. This is not easy, given his propensity for violence. Still, he's got an incentive: his son, Junior (H. Hunter Hall), who has been kidnapped after a carjacking. O2 enlists the aid of Coco (Meagan Good), a hustler who may have had something to do with Junior's kidnapping. It's not a great movie but an interesting one, a combination of exploitative hood flick and meditation on trust and love. (TW)

WATER (PG-13, 117 minutes) Set in 1930s India, this is something rare in the world of movies: an artistic muckraker. The subject is "widow wastage," the tradition in which a widow is consigned to an ashram. Just such a thing occurs when Chuyia (magically portrayed by Sarala) is left at an ashram by her embittered father. But Chuyia, a child bride of 8, is peculiarly resilient; with her energy, curiosity and optimism, she soon has the whole place in a clamor. The movie is superb and strange at once, a discreet and self-disciplined attack dog of a movie. (SH)

WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR? (PG, 105 minutes) Writer-director Chris Paine examines the fate of General Motors' much-ballyhooed electric car, sold in California before being declared a failure and disappearing. A lot of the film is illuminating; a lot is pointless. Paine cares too much for these people, as they aren't representative of anything; they're a self-selected group that clearly got on the electric-car bandwagon as early as possible out of a fanatical, predetermined environmental commitment. On other issues, the film is a little saner. It explores the complex nuances in this situation and quotes people on both sides of the issue, even if you never doubt which of those two sides the film is on. (SH)

WONDROUS OBLIVION (Unrated, 106 minutes) The son of Holocaust refugees who have made a home in south London, 11-year-old David Wiseman (Sam Smith) has developed a passion for cricket. But his reverence is tempered by his ineptitude as a player. David's life changes for the better when Dennis Samuels (Delroy Lindo), his new Jamaican neighbor, sets up a netted enclosure for cricket practice in his back yard. Noting David's wide-eyed interest from over the fence, Dennis invites the boy to join him and his two daughters. Just as "Bend It Like Beckham" did with soccer, this film uses a young person's innocent obsession with cricket as a conduit for deeper issues faced by postwar immigrant families in England. But this film, which brings two families together — one Jewish, the other Jamaican at the eve of the 1960s — is its own kind of movie, a knowing fairy tale that lovingly re-creates a bygone era but also examines its underlying moral ambiguities. (DT)

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WATERY TART: The "Lady in the Water" washes up near in a motel swimming pool.

WORDPLAY (PG, 94 minutes) This hugely likeable documentary celebrates nerdism, languages, sportsmanlike conduct and smart people who love the New York Times crossword puzzle, including Bill Clinton, Jon Stewart, Bob Dole and Mike Mussina. The film also profiles brilliant but less well-known puzzle-solvers who compete in the annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament, puzzlemakers and Times puzzle editor Will Shortz. (Jane Horwitz)

X-MEN: THE LAST STAND (PG-13, 104 minutes) The third installment in the series features the same core group of physically gifted mutants. A scientist discovers a cure for mutantism, leading each X to choose between retaining his or her often problematic powers or becoming human.Chock-full of references to Nazi eugenics, the civil and disability rights movements and even the abortion wars, the film suggests that the personal is always political. But director Brett Ratner makes a hash of the story and characters, delivering a pumped-up exercise in mayhem, carnage and blunt-force trauma. (SH)

YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13, 108 minutes) Kate Hudson plays Molly, the daughter of a wealthy real-estate developer (Michael Douglas). Molly has just married one of her dad's employees, a designer named Carl (Matt Dillon). Carl's best friend, Dupree (Owen Wilson), has fallen on hard times and moves in with the newlyweds until he gets back on his feet. A series of slapstick, incendiary and raunchy high jinks ensues as the interloper insinuates himself ever into his hosts' lives. Artistically, the movie is a mess. Technically, it's an abomination. Spiritually, it's a void. (AH)

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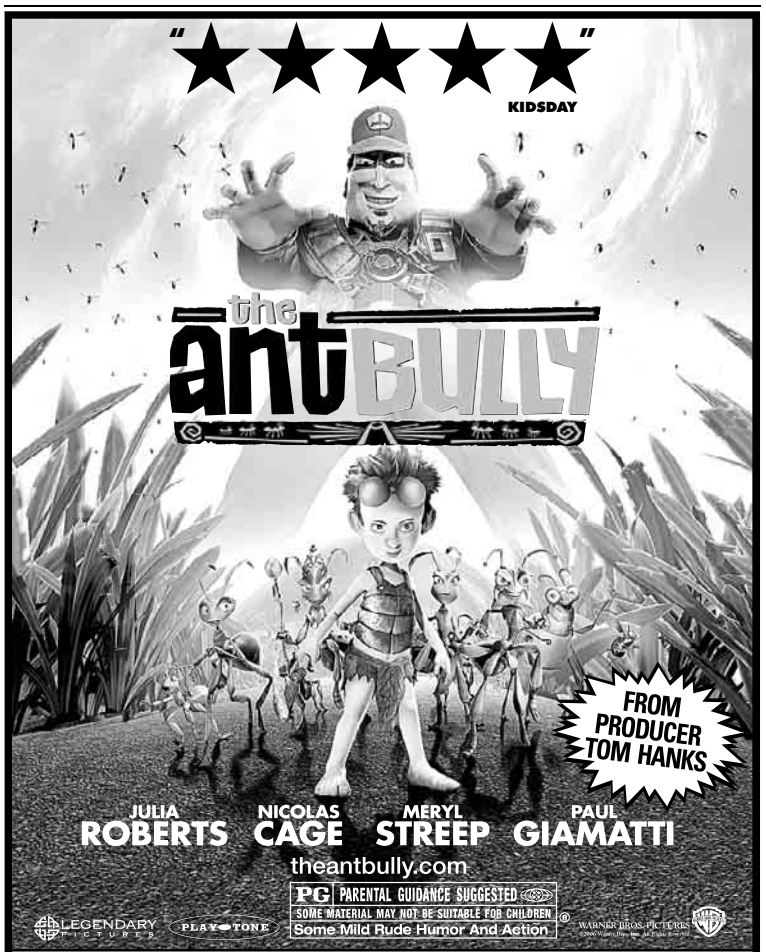

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Brown begins "Asphalt" on a gracious note by introducing his cameramen and crew and praising them as equal partners in his gastronomic adventure. They proceed to zigzag from Charleston, S.C., to the Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina in the course of the first hour.

Along the way, they find a hot-dog stand serving a rare orange soda and a 1938 diner that has preserved its architectural integrity at the expense of its culinary soul. Brown interviews a second-generation biscuit chef, discusses soul food and endures tropical thunderstorms with good nature. "Asphalt" will continue over four Saturday nights.

Brown's rapid-fire delivery can be a tad overcaffeinated. Equal parts "On the Road" and the "Roadfood" books of Jane and Michael Stern, Brown and "Asphalt" owe much to Anthony Bourdain, whose "Kitchen Confidential" and various food documentaries have blazed a path for the chef as hipster/traveler/raconteur.

Speaking of Bourdain, the Food Network star was recently among the Americans evacuated from the fighting in Lebanon. No doubt we'll be seeing this episode soon. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

Three years on, the Guerilla Queer Bar Takeover is still going strong. The formula's simple: One Friday a month, a group of homosexuals descends en masse on an otherwise "straight" bar for the night, mixing with regulars and exploring a new place. There's nothing hostile about the "takeover" — it's a chance for groups who don't usually mingle to share a space for the evening. The Guerillas invade **CANTINA MARINA** for an evening of live music, cold beer and the scenic Washington Channel. There's no sign or gathering spot announcing their presence, but that's the point.

SATURDAY

Television personaliy Big Tigger's hosting a party at the **CARNEGIE LIBRARY** that coincides with the centennial celebrations of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity but is open to everyone. The historic library is a gorgeous space with marble walls, floors and curving staircases, but all those hard surfaces play havoc with sound. However, free admission (until 10:30 p.m. for men and 11 p.m. for women), free Grey Goose (until 11 p.m.) and the choice of party spaces — inside or under a tent on the grassy parts of Mount Vernon Square — make this party worth recommending. If you don't want to show up early, get tickets from groovetickets.com — they're $25 in advance and more at the door.

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One of the best developments in the late '80s club scene was the union of hip-hop and dancehall. Rappers dropped cameos on dancehall tunes and dancehall chatters jumped on hot new hip-hop beats. The result was a smorgasbord of club bangers and jeep anthems. Supercat rode this wave and was one of the most popular voices that began edging dancehall toward the mainstream. He even ended up on rock and pop records, although his hits like "Girlstown" and "Dolly My Baby" (which featured the Notorious B.I.G.) earned him permanent realness points. Tonight at **ZANZIBAR**, you can catch the man to whom Sean Paul owes his career.

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THE THINKER: Rock fountainhead Ian MacKaye performs a free show on Monday.

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SUNDAY

If Supercat kicked down the door for dancehall in the States, he got a running start from the momentum of Shabba Ranks. From burners like "Ting-a-Ling" to unadulterated pop jams like "Mr. Loverman," Shabba inspired legions of yankees to holler along to lyrics that they couldn't even translate. Catch one of the biggest dancehall stars of all time at **CROSSROADS**.

MONDAY

Many readers have very fond memories of seeing Fugazi at **FORT RENO**. Those shows were a rite of summer for indie-rock kids in the D.C. area. With the band still on hiatus, the Evens, featuring Fugazi's Ian MacKaye and drummer Amy Farina (once one of Ted Leo's Pharmacists), are a worthy substitute. Since the duo's stripped-down folk doesn't encourage anything close to slam dancing, you won't get to hear MacKaye tell people to knock it off. Get there early for one of the more interesting bands on this year's Fort Reno schedule, DCIC (DC Improvisers Collective). The avant-jazz trio stirs up quite a sound with its guitar/sax/drums setup, which is occasionally supplemented by electronics.

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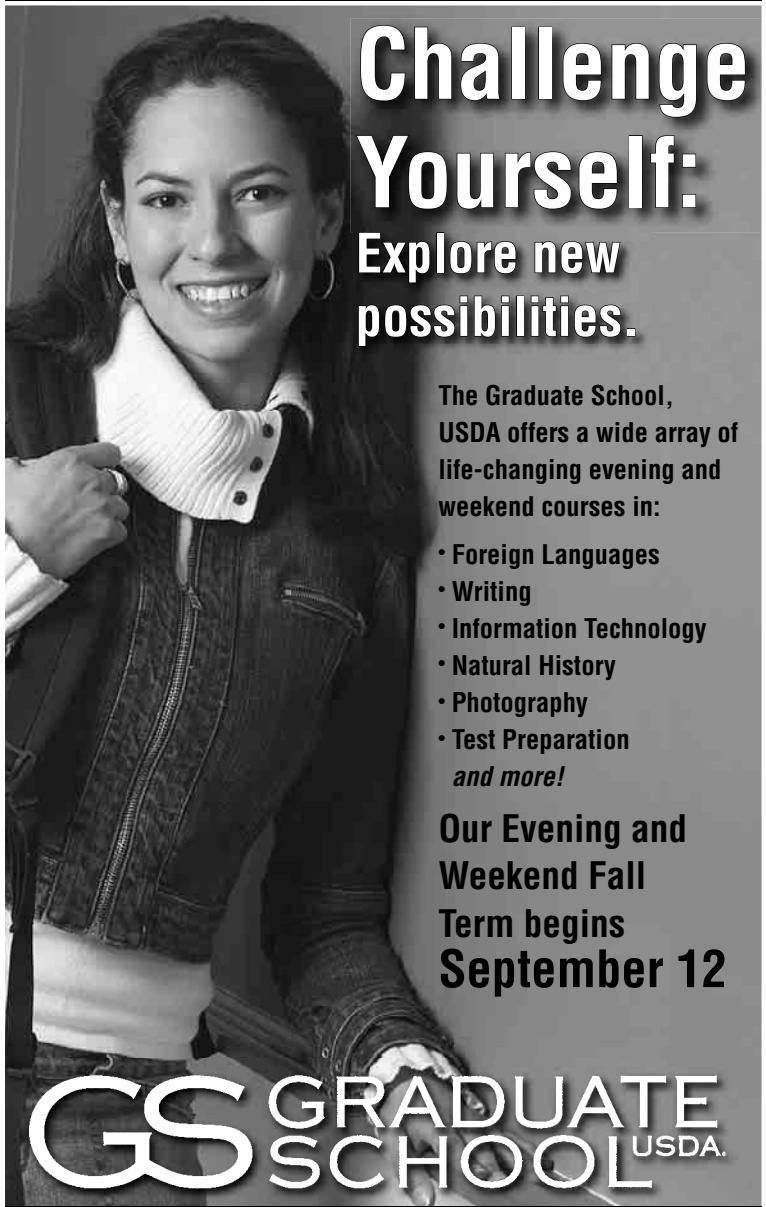

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MONSTER HOUSE (PG) DIG (1135 1220 210 240 430 455) 705 750 1000
LITTLE MAN (PG-13) DIG (1240 315) 715 945
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) DIG (1255 355) 645 930
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) DIG (1210 330) 700 925 1015
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13) DIG (205 445) 755 1025
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2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:00
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1:50, 4:20, 7:15, 9:35
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1:00, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13)
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PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13)
12:45, 4:00, 7:00, 10:20
MIAMI VICE (R)
1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 10:20
LITTLE MAN (PG-13)
12:40, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20
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THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13)
9:55 a.m. 12:10, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13)
10 am, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION (PG-13)
2:15, 4:40, 9:30
WORDPLAY (PG) 10:05 am, 12:15, 7:40
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2:30, 7:30
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***THE ANT BULLY (PG)**
11:10, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00
5:05, 6:30, 7:20, 9:00, 9:45
***JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG-13)**
11:35, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
***CLERKS II (R)**
11:15, 2:25, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20
***MONSTER HOUSE (PG)**
11:25, 12:35, 2:05, 3:05, 4:35
5:35, 7:05, 8:10, 9:35
***LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13)**
11:50, 1:15, 2:40, 4:30,
5:30, 7:25, 8:15, 10:35
***MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13)**
11:45, 2:20, 4:45, 7:35, 10:10
LITTLE MAN (PG-13)
11:20, 12:10, 1:55, 2:35, 4:25,
5:10, 6:50, 8:05, 9:30, 10:40
***YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13)**
1:05, 4:20, 6:55, 9:50
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13)
11:30, 12:40, 2:50, 4:05,
6:45, 7:30, 10:05, 10:45
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13)
1:00, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13)
11:55, 3:35, 7:15, 10:50
CLICK (PG-13)
12:50, 7:45
WAIST DEEP (R)
3:50, 10:55
CARS (G)
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4:45, 7:20, 9:35
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) 5:15, 7:25, 9:25
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13)
4:00, 6:45, 9:30

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12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40, 10:50
MIAMI VICE (R)
12:05, 2:50, 5:35, 8:20, 11:05
MONSTER HOUSE (PG)
12:10, 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10, 10:10
THE ANT BULLY (PG)
12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15
LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13)
12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20, 11:35

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1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
MONSTER HOUSE (PG)
1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:25, 9:30
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MIAMI VICE (R)
1:20, 4:45 7:15, 9:50
JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG-13)
1:25, 3:30, 5:30, 7:40, 9:55
LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13)
2:00, 5:10, 7:35, 9:50
MONSTER HOUSE (PG)
1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13)
2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45
CLERKS II (R)
1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 9:35
LITTLE MAN (PG-13)
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13)
12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:15
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13)
12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13)
12:35, 3:00, 5:15, 7:25, 9:45

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***THE ANT BULLY (PG)**
11:50, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30
***JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG-13)**
12:45, 3:05, 5:20, 7:40, 10:20
***MIAMI VICE (R)**
12:30, 3:40, 7:00, 10:10
***SCOOP (PG-13)**
12:10, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
***LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13)**
11:40, 12:50, 2:20, 3:40, 5:00
6:30, 7:50, 9:10, 10:30
***MONSTER HOUSE (PG)**
11:30, 1:55, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
***MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13)**
11:45, 2:10, 4:40, 7:25, 9:45
***CLERKS II (R)**
12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 8:05, 10:25
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13)
12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 8:00, 10:35
LITTLE MAN (PG-13)
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THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13)
11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13)
11:20, 2:55, 6:20, 9:40
CLICK (PG-13)
6:55, 9:35
CARS (G)
12:25, 3:50

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ONCE IN A LIFETIME (PG-13)
12:05, 2:35, 4:55, 7:25, 9:45
SCOOP (PG-13)
12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50, 4:35
5:05, 7:00, 7:30, 9:20, 9:50
STRANGERS WITH CANDY (R)
12:10, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:25
AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG)
11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
MONGOLIAN PING PONG (NR)
11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35
WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR? (PG)
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JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) ✓ (10:40 @ $5), 12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 8:00, 10:25, 12:45
MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ (10:30, 11:30 @ $5), 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:45, 8:45, 11:00, 12:00
CLERKS II (R) ✓ (11:40 @ $5), 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15, 12:40
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) ✓ (10:45 @ $5), 12:10, 1:40, 2:40, 4:15, 5:20, 6:50, 8:05, 9:25, 10:40, 12:25
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) [CC] ✓ (10:45 @ $5), 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) ✓ (10:55 @ $5), 12:30, 1:15, 3:05, 3:50, 5:40, 6:20, 7:55, 9:25, 11:45
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) ✓ (11:05 @ $5), 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 8:20, 9:50, 10:50, 12:15
LITTLE MAN (PG13) (10:50 @ $5), 12:20, 1:35, 3:00, 4:05, 5:35, 8:15, 9:15, 11:40
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) (10:35 @ $5), 1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00, 12:35
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) (10:35, 11:35 @ $5), 12:35, 1:55, 2:55, 3:55, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:35, 9:35, 10:35, 11:55
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) (11:20 @ $5), 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55, 12:30
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) (11:15 @ $5), 2:45, 6:25, 9:45
CLICK (PG13) 6:30, 10:45
CARS (G) (11:10 @ $5), 2:10, 5:05

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SCOOP (PG13) ✓ (11:00 @ $5), 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30, 12:05

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MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ (10:15 @ $4), 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 10:30
CLERKS II (R) ✓ (11:15 @ $4), 1:30, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) ✓ 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) ✓ (10:20 @ $4), 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) ✓ (10:50 @ $4), 1:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
LITTLE MAN (PG13) (11:00 @ $4), 1:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:20, 3:40, 7:00, 10:15
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) (10:30 @ $4), 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) (10:20 AM @ $4)

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CLERKS II (R) ✓ (10:30 @ $5), 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) ✓ (10:15 @ $5), 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) ✓ (10:15 @ $5), 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) (11:00 @ $5), 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) (11:15 @ $5), 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:25, 7:15, 8:05, 10:00, 10:45
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) [CC] (11:15 @ $5), 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

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JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) ✓ (10:40 @ $5), 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50, 12:10
MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ (10:00 @ $5), 12:50, 2:15, 4:00, 7:15, 8:00, 10:30
CLERKS II (R) ✓ (11:45 @ $5), 2:10, 4:35, 7:00, 9:30, 12:00
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:40, 5:10, 7:55, 10:40
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) ✓ (11:35 @ $5), 2:05, 4:30, 6:55, 9:25, 11:50
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) [CC] ✓ (11:35 @ $5), 2:05, 4:30, 6:55, 9:25, 11:50
LITTLE MAN (PG13) (11:15 @ $5), 1:55, 4:20, 6:45, 9:15, 11:45
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) (10:05 @ $5), 12:15, 2:55, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) (11:50 @ $5), 12:50, 3:10, 4:10, 6:30, 7:30, 10:00, 11:00
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) (11:00, 11:40 @ $5), 2:00, 4:40, 5:20, 7:25, 10:10, 11:10
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 12:20, 3:45, 7:10, 10:35

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SCOOP (PG13) ✓ (10:30 @ $5), 12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:15

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JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) ✓ (11:30 @ $5), 2:00, 4:25, 6:50, 9:10, 11:25
MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ (10:00 @ $5), 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:15, 9:15, 10:30
CLERKS II (R) ✓ (10:20 @ $5), 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) ✓ (11:45 @ $5), 2:30, 5:15, 7:05, 8:00, 9:55, 10:45
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) ✓ (10:25, 11:55 @ $5), 12:50, 2:20, 3:20, 4:50, 5:40, 7:20, 8:15, 9:35
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) ✓ (10:10 @ $5), 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
LITTLE MAN (PG13) (11:35 @ $5), 1:15, 2:15, 3:50, 4:45, 6:10, 8:35, 10:00, 11:10
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) (10:05 @ $5), 12:40, 3:25, 6:05, 8:40, 11:15
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) (11:15 @ $5), 12:15, 2:45, 3:45, 6:15, 7:00, 9:30, 10:15
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) (11:50 @ $5), 2:25, 5:10, 7:45, 10:40
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 12:10, 3:30, 6:55, 10:25
CLICK (PG13) 7:25, 10:35
CARS (G) (10:15 @ $5), 1:10, 4:10

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SCOOP (PG13) ✓ (11:40 @ $5), 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40

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THE ANT BULLY (PG) (10:50 @ $5), 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15, 10:35
JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) (11:55 @ $5), 2:20, 4:45, 7:00, 9:20
MIAMI VICE (R) (11:00 @ $5), 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00
CLERKS II (R) (11:45 @ $5), 2:50, 5:35, 7:55, 10:25
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) (11:50 @ $5), 2:45, 5:30, 8:10, 10:55
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) (11:15 @ $5), 1:35, 4:05, 6:25, 8:45
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) (11:20 @ $5), 2:10, 5:05, 7:35, 10:00
LITTLE MAN (PG13) (11:25 @ $5), 2:25, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) (11:30 @ $5), 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) (11:40 @ $5), 3:00, 6:20, 7:30, 9:40, 10:50
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) [CC] [DS] 7:30, 10:50
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) (11:10 @ $5), 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 9:50
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 1:30, 7:20
CLICK (PG13) (10:55 @ $5), 4:50, 10:40
CARS (G) (11:05 @ $5), 1:50, 4:40
CARS (G) [CC] [DS] (11:05 @ $5), 1:50, 4:40

AMC SELECT
SCOOP (PG13) (11:35 @ $5), 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8
8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) (10:30 @ $4), 1:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:05
CLICK (PG13) (11:00 @ $4), 1:30, 4:45, 7:50, 10:05
GARFIELD 2 (PG) (11:15 @ $4), 1:15, 3:15, 5:25
CARS (G) (10:45 @ $4), 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
X-MEN 3 (PG13) (10:15 @ $4), 12:45, 4:15, 7:30, 9:55
THE DA VINCI CODE (PG13) 12:30, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

AMC SELECT
A SCANNER DARKLY (R) (11:30 @ $4), 2:00, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
THE LAKE HOUSE (PG) 7:50, 9:55
AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG) (10:00 @ $4), 12:15, 2:30, 5:15, 7:55, 10:00

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220 844

THE ANT BULLY (PG) (10:45 @ $5), 12:55, 3:05, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) (11:45 @ $5), 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
MIAMI VICE (R) (10:20 @ $5), 12:20, 1:20, 3:20, 4:20, 6:30, 7:35, 9:45, 10:50
CLERKS II (R) (10:30 @ $5), 12:50, 3:30, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) (10:35 @ $5), 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) [CC] (10:35 @ $5), 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) (11:50 @ $5), 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:55
LITTLE MAN (PG13) (11:35 @ $5), 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) (11:40 @ $5), 2:50, 7:00, 10:20
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) (10:25 @ $5), 1:40, 5:00

AMC SELECT
SHADOWBOXER (R) (10:40 @ $5), 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

A SCANNER DARKLY (R) (11:00 @ $5), 1:10, 4:40, 7:40, 9:50
SCOOP (PG13) (10:50 @ $5), 1:00, 3:40, 7:30, 9:40
SHADOWBOXER (R) (11:50 @ $5), 2:00, 4:20, 7:50, 10:00
WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR? (PG) (11:30 @ $5), 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00
WORDPLAY (PG) (11:40 @ $5), 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20
A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION (PG13) (11:10 @ $5), 1:20, 3:50, 7:00, 9:10
AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG) (11:20 @ $5), 1:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:30

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

THE ANT BULLY (PG) ✓ (10:30 @ $5), 12:45, 3:00, 5:25, 7:40, 9:50
JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) ✓ (10:25 @ $5), 12:35, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ (11:25 @ $5), 12:55, 2:25, 4:05, 5:35, 7:15, 8:40, 10:25, 11:40
CLERKS II (R) ✓ (10:40 @ $5), 1:00, 3:30, 5:55, 8:20, 10:45
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) ✓ (11:10 @ $5), 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) ✓ (10:20 @ $5), 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, 10:10
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) ✓ (11:40 @ $5), 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25, 11:45
LITTLE MAN (PG13) (11:05 @ $5), 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:30, 11:55
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) (11:00 @ $5), 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) (10:35, 11:35 @ $5), 12:50, 1:55, 3:10, 4:10, 5:15, 6:30, 7:30, 8:35, 9:55, 10:50, 11:50
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) [CC] [DS] 12:50, 4:10, 7:30, 10:50
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) (11:20 @ $5), 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05
SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) 12:25, 4:15, 7:35, 10:55

AMC SELECT
SCOOP (PG13) (10:45 @ $5), 1:05, 3:25, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12
Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

THE ANT BULLY (PG) ✓ (10:35 @ $4), 1:05, 4:30, 7:10, 10:15
JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) ✓ (11:00 @ $4), 1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 9:50
MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ (10:30 @ $4), 12:00, 1:40, 3:20, 4:40, 7:00, 7:40, 10:00, 10:45
CLERKS II (R) ✓ (11:10 @ $4), 1:25, 4:15, 7:25, 10:05
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) ✓ (10:45 @ $4), 1:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:40
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) ✓ (10:35 @ $4), 1:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:30
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SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG13) (11:30 @ $4), 2:50, 6:45, 10:00
CARS (G) 12:20, 3:25

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG13) ✓ (10:30 @ $4), 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
CLERKS II (R) ✓ (11:30 @ $4), 2:00, 4:40, 5:40, 7:05, 8:05, 9:30, 10:30
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) ✓ (10:15, 11:15 @ $4), 12:45, 1:45, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 10:45
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) ✓ (10:00 @ $4), 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG13) (11:45 @ $4), 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15
CARS (G) (11:20 @ $4), 2:20

AMC SELECT
A SCANNER DARKLY (R) ✓ (11:00 @ $4), 1:30, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20

AMC COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6
Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
703-998-4AMC

MIAMI VICE (R) ✓ (10:30 @ $4), 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
CLERKS II (R) ✓ (10:45 @ $4), 1:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) ✓ (10:45 @ $4), 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:10
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) ✓ (11:15 @ $4), 1:45, 4:15, 7:45, 10:10
LITTLE MAN (PG13) (11:00 @ $4), 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 9:45
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:30

LOEWS WISCONSIN AVE. 6
4000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
202-334-3456

THE ANT BULLY (PG) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:15
MIAMI VICE (R) 12:20, 1:30, 3:20, 4:45, 6:40, 8:00, 9:40
MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG13) 1:55, 4:25, 7:05, 9:30
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:45, 2:45, 4:10, 6:05, 7:30, 9:25

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
202-333-3456

AMC SELECT
A SCANNER DARKLY (R) (11:15 @ $5), 12:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00
WORDPLAY (PG) (11:45 @ $5), 2:20, 5:00, 7:15, 9:20
A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION (PG13) (11:10 @ $5), 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:40
THE LOST CITY (R) (11:00 @ $5), 2:00, 5:30, 8:30
WATER (PG13) 2:00, 7:00

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
310-423-1014 741

MIAMI VICE (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
LADY IN THE WATER (PG13) 12:00, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:25
MONSTER HOUSE (PG) 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG13) 12:15, 3:30, 7:00, 10:05
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG13) (11:55 @ $4), 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20

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Times for Friday, July 28, 2006

Television

HEALTHY NUMBERS: Sure, it's summer, but now that mid-season programming is all the rage, reruns tend to be out of the ratings game. But not on Fox, it seems, where reruns of the medical drama "House," starring Hugh Laurie, are ruling Tuesday's prime time.

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

MAKE THAT NONE OF US

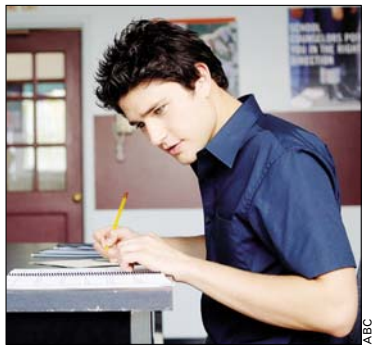
Few of us ever wanted to watch **TWINS** (Fri., 8:30 p.m., WB) in the first place. But the notion of sitting through this crude comedy's belabored Thanksgiving episode during a July heat wave is about as welcome as the prospect of eating a bucket of turkey and gravy on the beach. **LIVING WITH FRAN** (Fri., 9:30 p.m., WB) follows suit with a half hour of Halloween shenanigans.

STAY, DOWN, SHAKE HANDS, GET OFF THE COUCH — GOOD HUMAN

National Geographic hosts six straight nights of new and repeat episodes of **THE DOG WHISPERER** (Sun., 9 p.m.). The beauty of this show, hosted by Cesar Millan, is that they are all exactly alike and each different in its own addictive fashion. In each half-hour helping, Millan contends with three dog problems, and he manages to calm the canines and train their human owners in short order.

NAVEL MANEUVERS

The revolving door separating cable and network series continues to spin. ABC now recycles episodes of **KYLE XY** (Fri., 9 p.m., ABC) that originate on its cable cousin, the Family Channel. On tonight's "Kyle," a mysterious man burglarizes and bugs the Trager house.



ABC

KYLE XY, SPECIAL STUDENT: Ack! A creepy being from a strange place!

STILL NOT FUNNY

CMT will present a two-day marathon of vintage **HEE HAW**. The musical-comedy showcase aired on CBS for two years, beginning in 1969, and appeared in syndication for two decades. Musicians Roy Clark and Buck Owens presided over the corny jokes and skits and introduced such acts as George Jones and Tammy Wynette (5 p.m., Saturday), Reba McEntire and Lyle Lovett (9 p.m.) and Willie Nelson and Jim Stafford (10 p.m.).

CULT CHOICE

Several overlapping stories of hit men, crime bosses, a boxer and petty thieves intersect in a nonlinear fashion in the stylish, influential, violent and profane 1994 hit **PULP FICTION** (Fri., 8:15 p.m., IFC).

BLOODY MURDER

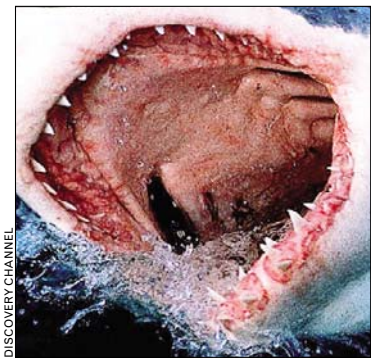
MYSTERY (Sun., 9 p.m., PBS) Kevin Whately stars in "Inspector Lewis" as Robert Lewis, the former assistant to the late, beloved Inspector Morse. This tale parallels that of William Shakespeare's "Hamlet." The bodies tend to pile up, or, as the bard put it, "When sorrows come, they come not in single spies, but in battalions."

SIT DOWN AND WATCH THIS

Young couch potatoes are encouraged to put down their remotes on **LET'S JUST PLAY: GO HEALTHY** (Sun., 8:30 p.m., Nickelodeon).

MY, WHAT BIG TEETH YOU HAVE

Discovery Channel's Shark Week begins with an episode of **DIRTY JOBS** (Sun., 9 p.m., Discovery) in which host Mike Rowe submits to the indignities and danger of swimming with sharks, tagging them for migratory observation and taking a few shark nips for the sake of science.



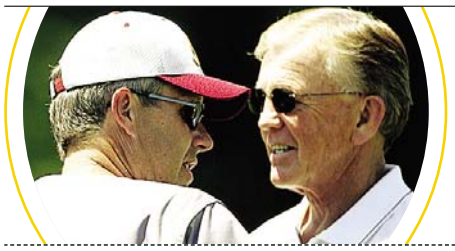
DISCOVERY CHANNEL

GET OUT OF THE WATER: Ack! A creepy being from a strange place!

TALK ABOUT DIRTY JOBS

Repeat reports scheduled on **60 MINUTES** (Sun., 7 p.m., CBS): Osama bin Laden's bodyguard; a NASA scientist discusses global warming; a profile of U2. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

7.21.06		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News CC		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Dateline NBC CC		Las Vegas "Mothwoman" CC		Law & Order "America, Inc." CC		News CC	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	Seinfeld CC	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld CC	24 (PA) CC		24 (PA) CC		News		Geraldo at Large	King of the Hill
	WJLA 7	News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos		Kyle XY "Diving In" CC		20/20 CC		News CC	(:35) Nightline
	WUSA 9	News CC	CBS News	9News Tonight	Entertainment	NCIS "Jeopardy" (iTV) CC		The Unit "Dedication" CC		NUMB3RS "All's Fair" (iTV) CC		News CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Washington Nationals. From RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. (Live)						That '70s Show	Every-Raymond	The Tyra Banks Show (N) CC	
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	NOW (N) CC	Bill Moyers on Faith & Reason (N)		Mystery! CC (DVS)		Soundstage (N) CC	
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Washington Week	Inside Wash.	NOW (N) CC	Bill Moyers on Faith & Reason (N)		Mystery! (N) CC (DVS)		Legends of Jaz
	WHUT 32	White House	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Evening Exch	To the Contrary	History Detectives CC		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WDCW 50	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	What I Like	Twins CC	Reba CC	Living With Fran	Friends CC	Friends CC	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files CC		Crossing Jordan "Death Goes On"		Biography "Traci Lords" CC		Biography "Anna Nicole Smith" (N)		Cleavage Mankind's fascination with breasts. CC			
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries CC		Ultimate Dog Championships		Meerkat Manor	Animal Videos	The Planet's Funniest Animals CC		Animal Cops Houston (N)		Ultimate Dog Championships	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Big Boi; Sleepy Brown. (N)			Access Granted	"Love Chronicles" (2003) Monica Calhoun, Robin Givens. Premiere. CC				Hottest Bodies CC		Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx
	Bravo	(5:30) America's Got Talent CC		Inside the Actors Studio "Dave Chappelle" Dave Chappelle. CC				The 100 Funniest Movies CC		The 100 Funniest Movies CC		The 100 Funniest Movies CC	
	Comedy	★ "Drive Me Crazy" (1999, Comedy) Melissa Joan Hart, Adrian Grenier. CC				Daily Show	Colbert Report	Com.-Presents	Ron White: They Call Me Tater Salad CC			Live at Gotham (N) CC	
	Court	Hollywood Heat	Masterminds	Cops CC	Cops CC	Video Justice	Video Justice	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	LA Forensics	Investigation	Forensic Files
	Discovery	How It's Made	How It's Made	Mt. Everest: Death Mountain CC		Extreme Engineering CC		Dirty Jobs "Geoduck Farmer"		Survivorman CC		Mt. Everest: Death Mountain CC	
	DISCH	Paramedics "Portland Pioneers"		Trauma: Life in the ER "Aloha Spirits"		Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC		Dr. G: Medical Examiner (N) CC		Skeleton Stories (N)		Trauma: Life in the ER CC	
	Disney	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	"Read It and Weep" (2006) Kay Panabaker. Premiere.			Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven
	E!	Revenge-Geeks	Hollywood Sins	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Sexiest "Latin Lovers" Latin celebs.		Simple Life	Simple Life	The Soup (N)	Dating Show	E! News	The Daily 10
	FX	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Rescue Me "Satisfaction"	
	HGTV	Renovation	If Walls Could	Offbeat America	House Hunters	Hot Grills Cool Patios 2006		Dream Cars 2006		House Hunters	House Hunters	My First Place (N)	I Want That!
	Family	7th Heaven "Just You Wait and See"		7th Heaven "Sin..." CC		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC	
	History	The Big Build "Viking Longboat"		Modern Marvels: Silver Mines CC		Sharp Shooters Gunslingers. (N) CC				Mountain Roads CC		4x4 CC	
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★★ "Painful Secrets" (2000, Drama) Sean Young, Kimberlee Peterson. CC				"A Job to Kill For" (2006, Suspense) Sean Young. CC				Will & Grace	Will & Grace
	MTV	The Hills	The Hills	True Life Young soldiers return home.		MTV News (N)	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Celebrity Death	Where My Dog	Final Fu	All That Rocks
	NICK	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius		The Fairly OddParents "Fairy Idol"		Full House CC	(:35) Full House	(:10) Full House	(:45) Full House
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 True Science CC		Eureka "Pilot" CC				Stargate SG-1 "Morpheus" III planet.		Stargate Atlantis Wraith prisoners. (N)		Stargate SG-1 "Morpheus" III planet.	
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		The Shield "Mum" CC		Disorderly Conduct: Video on Patrol	
	TBS	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends CC	Friends CC	★★★ "Something's Gotta Give" (2003) Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton. Premiere. CC					★★ Angel Eyes
	TLC	While You Were Out CC		What Not to Wear "Maria" CC		Take Home Chef	Take Home Chef	What Not to Wear "Lynn" CC		What Not to Wear "Elaine R." CC		Take Home Chef	Take Home Chef
	TNT	Golf: British Open		Without a Trace "The Season" CC		Without a Trace "Bait" CC		Without a Trace "In the Dark" CC		Without a Trace "Malone v. Malone"		★★★ "In the Line of Fire" (1993)	
	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Monk "Mr. Monk and the Big Game"		(:01) Psych (N) CC		House "Three Stories" CC	
	VHI	World Series of Pop Culture		Fabulous Life Of... "Weddings"		Fabulous Life Of... "Celebrity Wives"		The 40 Hottest Rock Star Girlfriends... and Wives Beautiful partners.				Best Week Ever	Web Junk 20 (N)
SPAN.	TELEM	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemndo	La Tormenta		(:05) Tierra de Pasiones		Amores de Mercado		Decisiones		Noti-Telemndo	Boxeo Telemundo
	UNIV	Que Locura	Noticiero Univ	Heridas (N)		La Fea Más Bella (N)		Barrera de Amor (N)		Casos de la Vida Real		Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC			NFL Live CC	2006 World Series of Poker CC		2006 World Series of Poker CC		Baseball Tonight (Live)		SportsCenter (Live) CC	
	ESPN2	Mike and Mike	Around the Horn	The Contender		The Contender		Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) CC				Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith	
	CSN	Baseball Report	SportsNite CC	Beyond the Glory CC		WNBA Basketball Washington Mystics at San Antonio Silver Stars. (Live)				SportsNite (Live) CC		Around Track	Final Score
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now CC		Larry King Live CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC			
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC		Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		MSNBC Investigates		MSNBC Investigates		Headliners & Legends	
MOVIES	AMC	★★★ "First Blood" (1982, Action) Sylvester Stallone. 'R' CC				★★★ "A Nightmare on Elm Street" (1984) John Saxon.			(:45) ★ "Species II" (1998, Science Fiction) Michael Madsen. 'R' CC				Nightmare-Elm
	TCM	This Could Be	★★ "One More Tomorrow" (1946) Ann Sheridan. 'NR'			★★ "The Clairvoyant" (1935) Claude Rains. 'NR'			★★ "Kind Lady" (1951) Ethel Barrymore. 'NR' CC			★★★★ "The 39 Steps" (1935) 'NR'	
	HBO	(5:45) ★ "Speed 2: Cruise Control" (1997) Sandra Bullock. 'PG-13' CC				Deadwood "Full Faith and Credit"		Deadwood "A Two-Headed Beast"		Deadwood "A Rich Find" CC		Lucky Louie	Entourage CC
	MAX	Battlefield Earth	★★★ "Closer" (2004, Drama) Julia Roberts. 'R' CC			(:15) ★ "King's Ransom" (2005) Anthony Anderson. 'PG-13' CC				★★★ "Twister" (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton. 'PG-13' CC			
	SHOW	(:10) ★★★ "Crash" (2004, Drama) Sandra Bullock. iTV. 'R' CC				(:05) ★★ "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler. iTV. 'PG-13' CC				Sexual Healing		Brotherhood "Genesis 27:29" (iTV)	
	TMC	(:15) ★★★ "The Secret Lives of Dentists" (2002) Campbell Scott. 'R' CC				★★ "Payback" (1999, Action) Mel Gibson. 'R' CC			(:45) "Strike Force" (2004, Action) William Forsythe, Erika Eleniak. 'R' CC				Leather Jackets
	STARZ!	(5:40) ★★ "Dog Park" (1998) Natasha Henstridge. 'R'			"Don't Be a Menace to South Central While Drinking"			★ "Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo" (2005) 'R' CC			★★ "The Cave" (2005) Cole Hauser. 'PG-13' CC		
	ENCORE	(5:50) ★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. 'R' CC				★★★ "Copycat" (1995, Suspense) Sigourney Weaver. 'R' CC				(:05) ★★★ "Hellboy" (2004, Fantasy) Ron Perlman. 'PG-13' CC			



REDSKINS
Coach in Training: Workaholic coach Joe Gibbs starts another training camp this weekend — this time with the highest expectations | 29

Sports Weekend

Trade Winds

While trade rumors swirl around RFK, the Nats try to remain focused on wins

NATIONALS | The Nationals clubhouse is alive, and it has little to do with a grand reopening.

There were nearly as many credentialed media members as players in the locker room this week. And while San Francisco's Barry Bonds always attracts a crowd, the buzz around the stadium was more about where the hometown left fielder with the significantly smaller head was getting shipped.

As you read this, Alfonso Soriano could be flying to Chicago, Detroit or any of the other teams he's been linked with the last two weeks.

For the first time in nearly a calendar year, the Nationals are the most talked about team in the baseball world. All they had to do was put their best veterans up for sale.

"I enjoy my time playing the game, and I enjoy the rumors, too," Soriano said Tuesday. "I just laugh. The last seven days, I've seen my name on five different teams."

While Nats general manager Jim Bowden has received lots of attention and returned lots of hyperbole (insert joke about fire department putting out hot phone lines here), Nationals players not named Alfonso had mixed reactions to the speculation circus that was making bigger headlines than the six-game winning streak Washington took on the road.

"They are a little bit down because they think Soriano is going to go," second baseman Jose Vidro said. "Trading Soriano is going to take a toll. He's been the heart and soul this year. ... If he's not here, it's going to be bad.

"[But] if they cannot sign him [to a contract extension], it's probably best they bring in [new] guys."

Catcher Brian Schneider had a different outlook, saying it wasn't hard to tune out all the trade talk, even though a huge roster turnover seems imminent.

"We know talks are going on, but ... no one knows until it happens," he said. "Up until then, we don't try to get caught up in it, because it's out of our control."

Skipper Frank Robinson said he doesn't try to manage his players' approach to the situation.

"If I feel like their performance may be affected by the rumors or their attitude, then I talk to them about it," Robinson said. "Other than that, I don't concern myself with it."

Concerned or not, the rumors seem to change by the minute. Robinson and the players won't have a definitive idea of what the team will look like until the trade deadline passes at midnight on Monday. Until then, Bowden's phone lines will burn. ERIC BRANDNER

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IN THE RUNNING
Just about every contending team wants him, but who will get the big prize — Soriano?

- Detroit Tigers — comfortably in first place in the AL Central
- Chicago White Sox — 8 ½ games back in the AL Central, ½ game back in wild card race
- L.A. Angels — tied for first in the AL West
- New York Yankees — 1 ½ games back in the AL East, leading the wild card race

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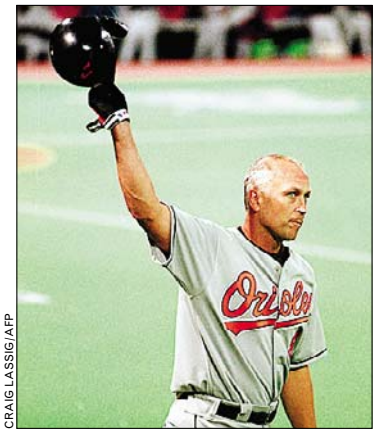

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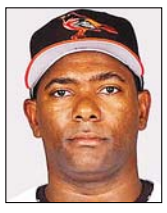
A year from now, it'll be Cal Ripken being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

ONE TO GO: Baseball's Hall of Fame induction ceremony is Sunday (1:30 p.m. on ESPN Classic), meaning it's just one year until Cal Ripken Jr. joins the Hall. But who's counting?

HOT STOVE: The Nationals, who have been on fire as the trade deadline approaches, head away from the comforts of RFK. They are on the road Friday (10:40 p.m. on MASN), Saturday (4:10 p.m. on FOX) and Sunday (4:10 p.m. on MASN) for a series against the L.A. Dodgers.

STALKING TIGERS: If the Orioles can take a few games from the White Sox on Friday (7 p.m. on Comcast), Saturday (4:30 p.m. on Comcast) and Sunday (1:30 p.m. on MASN), then the people in Chicago — already well behind the Tigers in the AL Central — might start getting worried.



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STILL GOING: United's schedule is filled with a bunch of W's sprinkled with a few T's and one L. The team's only loss was all the way back on May 6, but they play Real Salt Lake Saturday (9 p.m. on Comcast).

ON AND OFF: The Mystics' game on Saturday at Indiana isn't televised. But on Sunday, the team's home game against Charlotte is (7:30 p.m. on Comcast).

PRO FOOTBALL | **Degree of Separation** Former NCAA president Cedric Dempsey is teaming up with a dozen others to open up professional football to the college educated. The group has formed to create the All-American Football League, with a catch — players who participate must have college degrees. The league will field eight teams based in college towns. Players will earn about $100,000 per season — significantly more than the $30,000 minimums offered in Arena Football, and salaries will be paid by the league, not teams, in an effort to control spending. (AP)

Adopting Some Adaptations

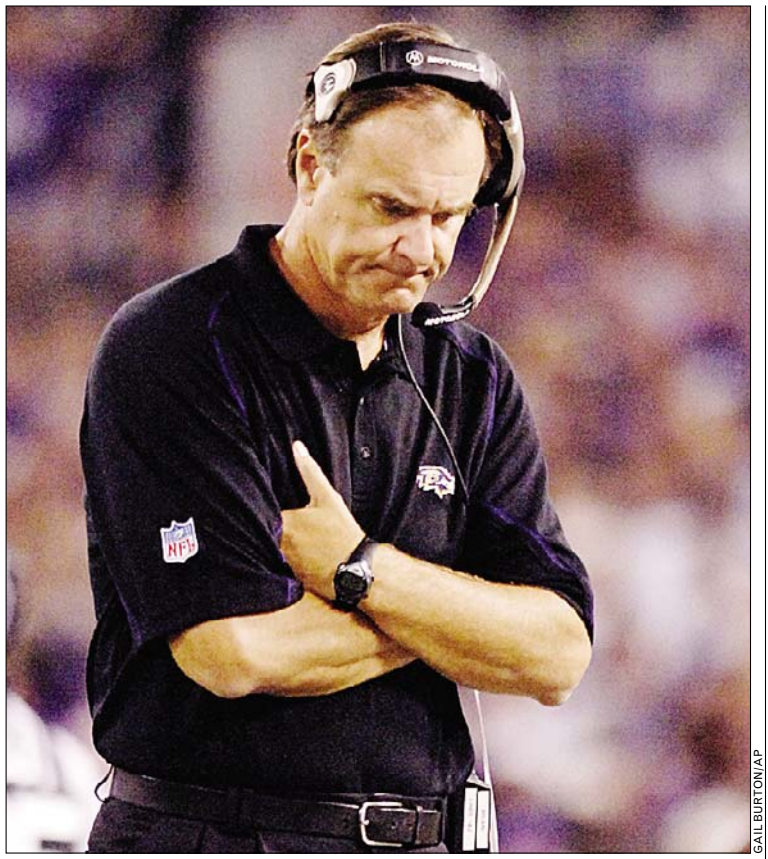
After the Ravens' 6-10 season, coach Billick opened to criticisms

RAVENS | The Baltimore Ravens have much to accomplish at training camp this summer, not the least of which is purging memories of a 2005 season that nearly cost coach Brian Billick his job.

After the Ravens stumbled to a 6-10 record last year, owner Steve Bisciotti allowed Billick to retain his post under the condition that the coach intensify his focus and make himself open to suggestions from everyone in the organization.

"You have to change in this business. You have to adapt to the talent around you," Billick said this week. "This is where I want to be. These are the people I want to deal with."

The Ravens have overhauled several positions, most notably quarterback, where newcomer Steve McNair takes over for the erratic Kyle Boller. But the most significant metamorphosis has been the one that Billick has undergone.



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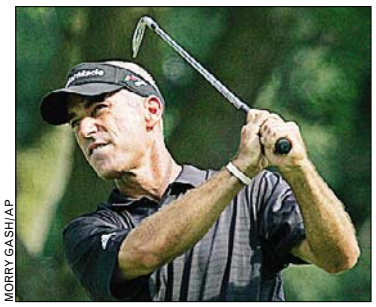
Ravens coach Brian Billick paces the sideline during a loss to the Indianapolis Colts early last season. The Ravens finished 6-10 and Billick barely held onto his job.

"Yes, he is different," Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome said. "I saw a difference in how he conducted himself on the football field during minicamps. I think he is more in tune to his whole football team than maybe he was in the last couple of years."

The most important aspect of training camp, however, is getting McNair acclimated to the offense. Before the Ravens signed the former Titans star last month, camp was supposed to start on July 31.

But everything changed — including the Ravens' playoff hopes — when McNair was introduced on June 8. Now, this training camp, which starts Friday, is essentially about Steve McNair.

"Given the nature of the position and what you're asking a veteran quarterback to do, that's a fair assessment. In fact, quite frankly, one of the primary reasons we're coming in early is because of Steve McNair," Billick said. "I think the players understand that and appreciate it. We've got to make up a little bit of ground." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)



MORRY GASH/AP

Corey Pavin watches his shot on the seventh hole during his front nine.

Pavin Breaks Scoring Record

GOLF | Corey Pavin set the PGA's scoring record for nine holes when he shot a 26 on the front at the U.S. Bank Championship on Thursday.

Pavin, who was 8 under at the turn, broke the mark of four other players who had shot a 27 through the first nine holes, including Andy North and Robert Gamez, both participating in the tournament at the par-70 Brown Deer Park Golf Course.

Mike Souchak (1955), North (1975), Billy Mayfair (2001) and Gamez (2004) all equaled the mark, but Mayfair and Gamez both made the turn at 9 under. COLIN FLY (AP)

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New Gibbs With No 'O'

Preparing for this year, the workaholic coach gave up his offense

REDSKINS | Coy Gibbs was concerned last year when the boss started looking drained and frazzled, day after day. His father hardly had the look of a man who was disproving the naysayers by leading the Washington Redskins back to the playoffs.

"You hate it as a son," said Gibbs, who works as an assistant with the team's offensive staff. "You're like, 'C'mon, you're killing yourself.' But he loves it. He truly does."

As November became December, many at Redskins Park began to wonder if Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs had stretched himself too thin in his dogged attempt to win one more championship after emerging from a long retirement.

The elder Gibbs always had been a workaholic, but now he was a diabetic in his mid-60s and had taken on an extra job — team president — that he didn't have when he was winning three Super Bowls in the 1980s and early 1990s.

"We all worry about him, that he was doing so much," said team trainer and longtime friend Bubba Tyer. "Since I've known him, he's been the man in charge. There's always that deal about how late they work, how little sleep they get."

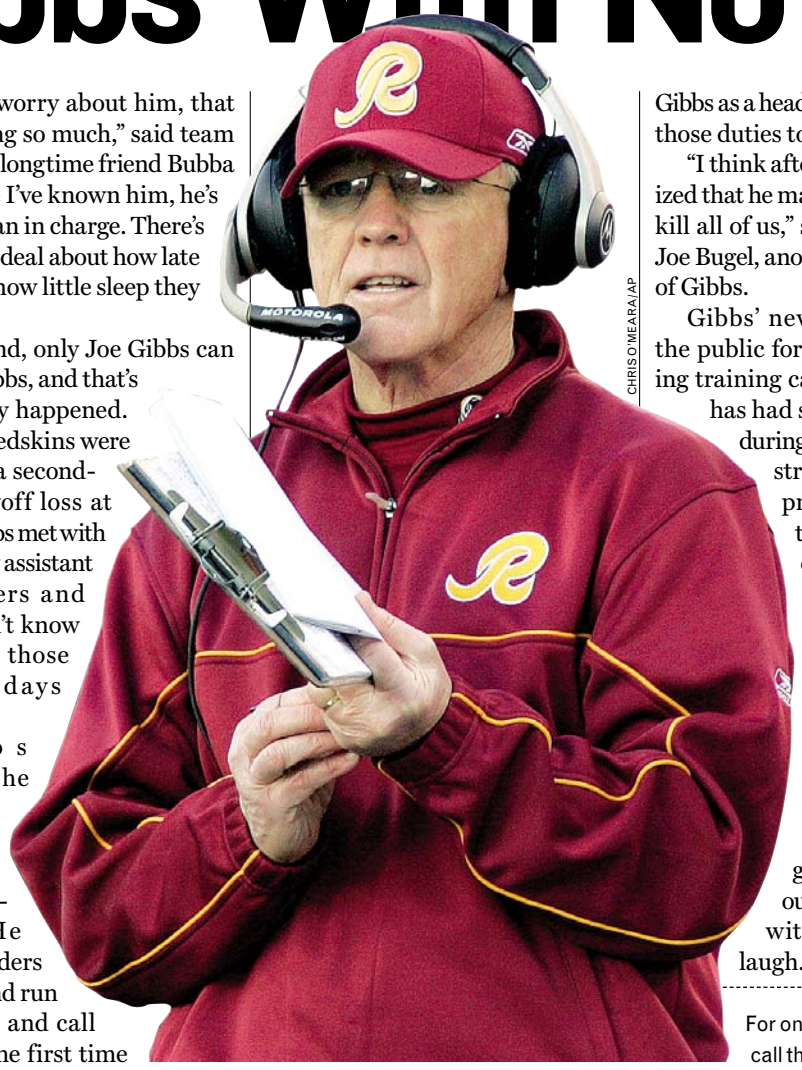
In the end, only Joe Gibbs can stop Joe Gibbs, and that's what finally happened. Once the Redskins were done after a second-round playoff loss at Seattle, Gibbs met with Kansas City assistant Al Saunders and said, "I don't know if I can do those 20-hour days any more."

Gibbs then did the unthinkable: He gave up his brainchild. He hired Saunders to design and run the offense and call the plays, the first time Gibbs as a head coach has entrusted those duties to anyone else.

"I think after two years, he realized that he may kill himself — and kill all of us," said assistant coach Joe Bugel, another longtime friend of Gibbs.

Gibbs' new role is visible to the public for the first time during training camp, but he already has had six months to adjust during the team's offseason strategy meetings and practices. At various times, the 65-year-old coach has been asked if it feels strange not having his hands directly on the offense. He usually responds simply that "it's different" — or he just cracks a joke.

"My goal is to gradually work myself out of a job," Gibbs said with his high-pitched laugh." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

For once, Joe Gibbs won't call the plays this season.

MLS's Best Faces League's Worst

Exciting games are on the horizon for United, but this one is uneven

UNITED | D.C. United has some intriguing matchups on its schedule in the near future, to say the least. Its U.S. Open Cup campaign starts next Tuesday against Columbus, and then seven players and coach Peter Nowak head to Chicago for the Aug. 5 All-Star game against English champion Chelsea.

Four days later, the entire team will be in Seattle to play nine-time European champ Real Madrid. And then, D.C. will get a full week to prepare for an Aug. 16 game at the Meadowlands, where the team will face former coach Bruce Arena in his first game in charge of the Red Bulls.

TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Bryan Namoff, left, and D.C. United (13-1-6) haven't lost since the beginning of May.

But before all that excitement, United will have to negotiate a very ho-hum affair against the ridiculously named and poorly performing Real Salt Lake on Saturday in Utah.

The game matches the league's best team, United (13-1-6), against the worst. Salt Lake is 4-10-5 and has the most porous defense in MLS. On paper, D.C. should have no trouble extending its 14-game unbeaten streak, but so often it seems that it's the easy games that are the most troublesome.

Midfielder Santino Quaranta's surprise departure from the team this week for personal reasons may add a small distraction to the mix.

For what it's worth, United has promised not to look past any opponent.

"You get ahead of yourself and things start getting carried away for you," goalkeeper Troy Perkins said following D.C.'s victory over Columbus earlier this month.

The prospect of entering an exciting few weeks of soccer with their streak intact, and without an embarrassing loss hanging over their heads, will be United's motivation on Saturday. BRIAN STRAUS

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

Now the 'Skins Must Win It All

JOE GIBBS DOESN'T WANT to read this column. Bless his humble heart, Gibbs doesn't want people saying his Redskins are Super Bowl favorites.

Too bad it's true.

If you've noticed the extra tinge of excitement over training camp, which starts Sunday, it's because expectations are high this season.

OK, Redskins fans are always expecting a trip to the big game. At least the hopes have a real basis with this group.

Not only is Washington coming off a year in which it won a playoff game, but everything looks improved across the board.

The pieces are back from one of the NFL's best groups.

Dan Snyder's money kept defensive guru Gregg Williams in town and lured offensive expert Al Saunders to Gibbs' staff.

Santana Moss finally has company on the receiving corps in the form of Brandon Lloyd and Antwaan Randle El. That should dramatically improve the passing game and free up some extra space for Clinton Portis to rush for his customary 1,500 yards.

On defense, no LaVar should be no problem. Andre Carter should aid the pass rush, and the rest of the pieces are back from one of the NFL's best groups.

Fair or not, this season comes down to Mark Brunell — or Jason Campbell. As long as the quarterback play is merely adequate, the Redskins will win a lot of games.

Sorry, Joe — you have the team to beat. Now, all you have to do is win it all.

Sounds simple, right?

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Wie in the Leading Role

6-under 66 puts the 16-year-old at the top with Ochoa and Webb

WOMEN'S GOLF | Michelle Wie is leading a tournament again.

Now she has to prove she can stay there.

Wie shot a 6-under 66 on Thursday to share a three-way lead in the Evian Masters with Lorena Ochoa and Karrie Webb. It's the fourth time she's shared the lead as a professional — and she's still looking for her first victory.

"I just played more smart," said Wie, who opened with a first-round 69. "You never know what might happen."

The 16-year-old from Hawaii, who has never led a tournament outright, has shared the lead three times before in her short career — each time at the U.S. Open. She was in that position after the first and third rounds in 2005. This year, again, she led after the third round.

PATRICK GARDIN/AP

Michelle Wie hits off the fairway on 18 on her way to a 6-under 66 and the lead.

Wie described her game as "very solid." But it might have been even better.

She didn't drop a single shot and picked up six birdies but failed to capitalize on several chances.

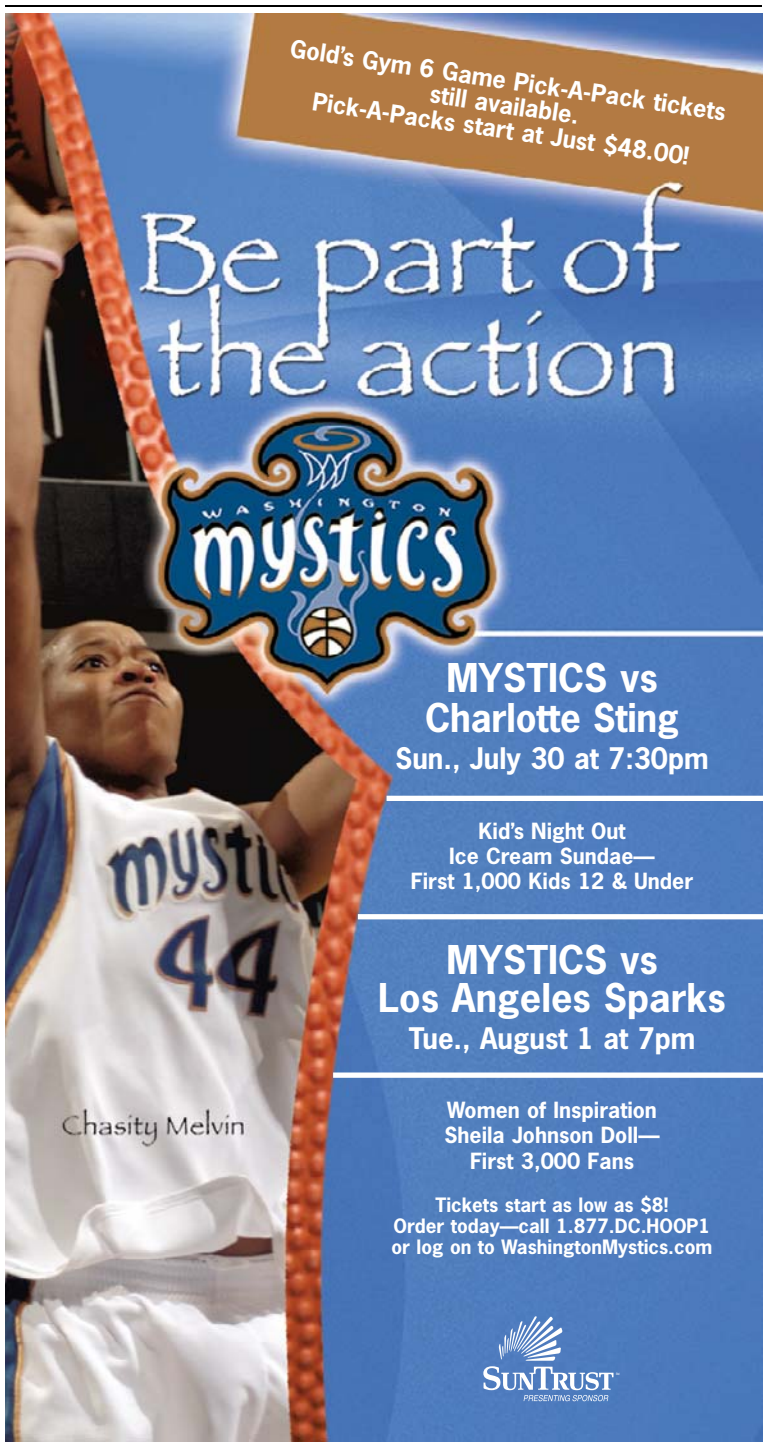
"I felt I left a couple of shots out there," she said. "Starting from the 12th hole, I had so many birdie chances. I hit good putts and rolled it good, but they just kind of slid by the hole. I could have made a couple more putts."

Ochoa, the top money winner this season in women's golf, slumped to three bogeys on the back nine, but also had six birdies and finished with a 69 that put her at 9-under.

"I think I am in a good position for the weekend," she said. "I did struggle a bit on the back nine with three bogeys. That was tough, but I ended up making two birdies on the last three holes."

Webb, who was one stroke off the lead after the first round, double bogeyed on the par-4 13th hole and dropped two other shots. But the Australian was able to limit the damage with an eagle on the par-5 ninth hole. She had six birdies, including one on the 18th.

ERICA BULMAN (AP)



For Mystics, a Big Teasley

Point guard leads the league in assists despite switching offenses

MYSTICS | Because of an injured finger, the last couple games have been far from easy for Mystics point guard Nikki Teasley. After scoring just two points on 1-of-7 shooting and recording one assist on Sunday against Seattle, Teasley shot only 2-of-7 with two assists on Tuesday.

Despite these struggles, Teasley has clearly had a major impact on the team this season. She continues to lead the WNBA in assists with 5.6 per game, and her average of 11.6 points per game is the fourth best on the Mystics team.

The numbers would be impressive for any player. They are even more so for Teasley, though, because the system she has played in with Washington is far different than the one she played in last season with the Los Angeles Sparks.

"Richie's system is definitely a lot to try to pick up and incorporate in your game," Teasley said of Mystics coach Richie Adubato.

WARREN SKALSKI/NBAE/GETTY IMAGES

Nikki Teasley, left, averages 5.6 assists per game and is fourth on the team in points.

But Adubato said Teasley is very well-suited to his system.

"She's great in the up-tempo game, which is what we're trying to do more of, and she's great in the pick-and-roll, which we do a lot of," he said. "And she's an excellent passer into the post, so from that standpoint it's been all good."

Mystics forward Chasity Melvin, who often benefits from those passes into the post, said Teasley brings a different style of play to the game than Temeka Johnson, who ran the point for the Mystics last season.

"When we run, she can pretty much get wherever she wants because she sees the floor really well," Melvin said. JONATHAN TANNENWALD

Trade Bait Comes Up Big in Nats Win

NATIONALS | Possibly playing his final home game in D.C., Alfonso Soriano homered in his first at-bat Thursday, and the Washington Nationals beat the San Francisco Giants 6-5 for their season-high sixth consecutive victory.

Soriano's 32nd homer was his sixth leadoff shot of the season, tying for the major league lead. He's at the center of talks as Monday's trade deadline approaches, and the Nationals now embark on a nine-game road trip.

If this was his final start for Washington, the rotation's workhorse, Livan Hernandez (8-8), also left on a strong note, retiring the last 10 batters he faced. Hernandez allowed three runs and six hits over seven innings.

After going all season without a series sweep at home, the Nationals have done it in two straight sets.

Both stars have said they'd prefer to stay in D.C.

"The fans, they have a lot of love for me, after only three or four months," Soriano said. (AP)

Director: It's 'Distressing'

Head of Tour says the positive test is part of a fight against doping

CYCLING | The director of the Tour de France said Thursday he was distressed by the results of a doping test for race winner Floyd Landis, and that a second test was needed to confirm any wrongdoing.

Christian Prudhomme said organizers of the Tour, which ended Sunday on the Champs-Elysees in Paris, would be saddened and angry if the backup test is positive.

"It is obviously distressing," Prudhomme told reporters. "This concerns the Tour's yellow jersey," referring to the yellow shirt worn by the winner.

"We obviously need a counter-test," he said, referring to the backup analysis that riders have the right to ask for and that Landis' Phonak team said he would seek.

BAS CZERWINSKI/AP

Floyd Landis is bombarded after a time trial that assured him of victory in the Tour.

When asked if Landis risked losing his victory, Prudhomme said it was up to the International Cycling Union to decide sanctions.

"It would be distressing if that were the case," he said. "We will be saddened if, unfortunately, the [backup] test confirms what the first test showed."

But, Prudhomme said, "It's anger more than anything else ... We are going to have to make those who haven't understood it yet understand it now."

The Swiss-based Phonak team suspended the 30-year-old Landis pending results of a second test. He was notified Wednesday that the results of an initial test were abnormal for high levels of testosterone.

Prudhomme vowed to pursue the fight against doping, and said there could be a "positive aspect, if I dare say so," of the Landis case.

"In no way are we defeated," he said. "We know it is a toe-to-toe fight against doping." JAMEY KEATEN (AP)

Tour Runner-Up: It Would Not Feel Like a Victory

CYCLING | The Spanish cyclist who stands to become Tour de France champion if Floyd Landis is stripped of the title was in no mood to celebrate Thursday.

"Should I win the Tour now, it would feel like an academic victory," Oscar Pereiro told The Associated Press. "The way to celebrate a win is in Paris; otherwise it's just a bureaucratic win."

Pereiro finished second behind Landis in the Tour, which ended Sunday.

Landis tested positive for high levels of testosterone, and if found guilty of doping, Landis likely would lose the title, with Pereiro moving up to first place.

"While I don't receive a fax confirming a win, I'm not going to celebrate anything," said Pereiro. "I have too much respect for Landis." (AP)

Mother Stands in Defense of Son

Arlene Landis says this 'valley' will help her son in the long run

CYCLING | Arlene Landis smiled through gritted teeth Thursday as she stoutly defended her Tour de France-winning son against doping accusations.

After speaking with Floyd Landis by telephone, Arlene Landis said she is convinced her 30-year-old son did nothing wrong and blasted cycling's governing body for "spoiling everything."

"My opinion is when he comes on top of this, everyone will think so much more of him. So, that's what valleys are for, right?" she said outside her home in a section of rural Lancaster County called Farmersville.

Landis is suspended, pending results of the backup "B" sample of his drug test.

"Of course, he wasn't happy about it, but they're spoiling everything he's supposed to be doing right now," she said. "Why couldn't they take care of this before they pronounced him the winner?"

CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Arlene Landis, Floyd's mother, talks with media outside her home Thursday.

Lance Armstrong, a seven-time Tour winner, has been accused of doping, but never tested positive for drugs and vehemently has denied cheating.

"Lance went through this, too," Arlene Landis said. "Somebody doesn't want [Landis] to win." (AP)

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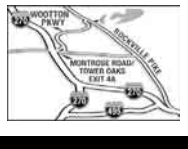

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Religion

Author tries to bridge the gap between religion and science

He opened the session by improvising on hymns at the piano and concluded it by accompanying a sing-along on the guitar. In between, he delivered a compelling account of his unlikely conversion from atheism to evangelical Christianity. The lanky, amiable platform personality wasn't some traveling revivalist but one of the world's leading biologists.

Francis S. Collins led the international Human Genome Project that mapped the 3.1 billion chemical base pairs in humanity's DNA. He now directs the U.S. government program on applying that information to medical treatments. He's also emerged as a surprise advocate for faith and for its compatibility with science.

The 56-year-old Collins addressed the clash of science and religion last weekend during a conference at Williams College sponsored by the C.S. Lewis Foundation. He pursues the theme again this week at a Calvin College convention of the American Scientific Affiliation. The organization of scientists affirms "the divine inspiration, trustworthiness and authority of the Bible" on faith and morals. Collins is a member.

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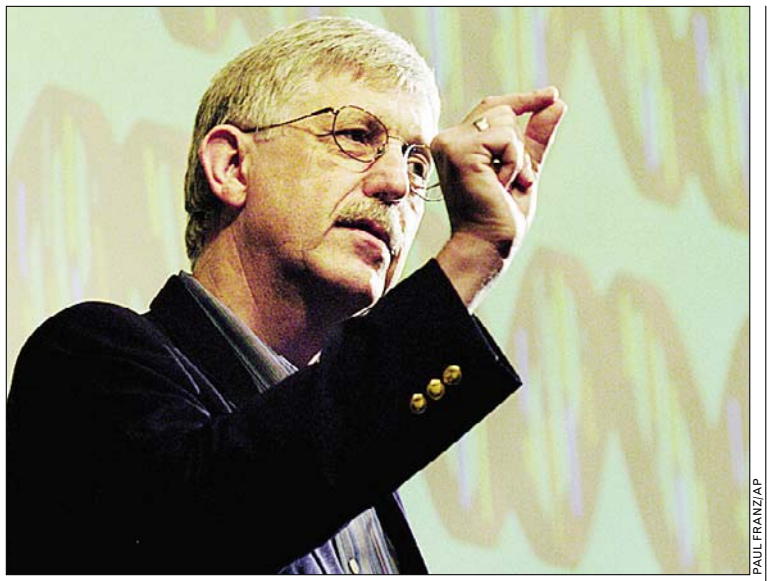
>
> FRANCIS COLLINS
> AUTHOR

But his most complete argument for God appears in a new book, "The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief" (Free Press), which addresses two radically divergent audiences.

He asks scientific skeptics to investigate God with the same open-minded zeal they apply to the natural world, assuring them there's no incompatibility between belief and scientific rigor.

He tells fellow evangelicals that opposition to evolution — whether the biblical literalism of creationists or "intelligent design" arguments — undermines the credibility of faith.



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COME TOGETHER: Francis Collins attempts to unite the worlds of science and faith.

Science of Faith

He finds the first "fundamentally flawed" and warns that the second builds upon gaps in evidence that scientists are very likely to fill in the future, among other objections.

The audience of 200 at Williams gave Collins' views a respectful reception, quite in contrast to a previous frosty reaction he got when he told a national meeting of Christian physicians the evidence for evolution is "overwhelming."

But scientists are probably the tougher audience. According to Nature, the science weekly, "many scientists disagree strongly" with Collins-style arguments and critics feel "more talk of religion is the last thing that science needs."

"For a scientist, it's uncomfortable to admit there are questions that your scientific method isn't going to be able to address," he said. Besides, scientists are busy and focused — they often don't take the time to explore "these more profound eternal questions."

Unimpressed by denominational differences, Collins has worshipped in a variety of Protestant churches while living the itinerant life of an academic. He became a Methodist at the University of North Carolina, an American Baptist at Yale, a Southern Baptist at the University of Michigan and currently belongs to Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland.

Collins writes that "it is time to call a truce in the escalating war between science and spirit," in which the dominant voices have belonged to narrow, anti-God materialists and believers who spurn orthodox science.

He says both approaches are "profoundly dangerous. Both deny truth." RICHARD N. OSTLING (AP)

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ANACOSTIA | Ward 8 is getting a sit-down restaurant. Drake's Restaurant and Lounge is planned for the intersection of Good Hope Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in the heart of Anacostia. The place isn't close to being open but a sign outside got a blogger, BEYONDTHEMALL.WORDPRESS.COM, all excited: "Yes, Virginia, there is a sit-down restaurant in Ward 8! Or there will be. And it's about time, too!" MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

Cox Lands Time.com Gig

LOCAL BLOGGERS | D.C.'s now-reclusive blogging matron, Ana Marie Cox, has said in the past that she is a "failed journalist," but now she might have to take that back. The snarky co-founder and former editor of WONKETTE.COM wrote her novel "Dog Days," pens essays for Time magazine and now has been named TIME.COM's Washington editor. Richard Stengel, Time's managing editor, says Cox has the "ability to spot political angles in surprising places." Hmmm, what an interesting choice of words. M.G.

Cox

Naked in Northwest

TRANSPARENCY | Naked men and giant plate glass windows do not mix in a stuffy, button-down city like the nation's capital. Blogger SHIFTLESSBADGER.BLOGSPOT.COM doesn't appreciate the free spirit of the man nicknamed "Fat Naked Guy," saying that the spectacle within view of busy 16th Street Northwest is causing quite the distraction on the S1 Metrobus: "When he got done drying his belly, he changed channels, and then put one foot up on a chair to dry his left leg. That's when the gasp escaped from the seats in front of me, and a woman's voice rang out "Dios Mio ...." That's certainly a morning eye-opener. M.G.

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Say It Ain't So, Floyd

"I really hope Landis wasn't stupid enough to dope and think he wouldn't get caught. ... It's entirely possible that, yes, he really was that dimwitted to drug himself and is now joining the midst of other pro-cyclists recently caught ..."

RAINYPONY.COM/BLOG REACTS TO NEWS THAT AMERICAN CYCLIST FLOYD LANDIS WAS DISCOVERED TO HAVE "UNUSUAL" TESTOSTERONE LEVELS, FORCING A CYCLING SUSPENSION.

Live Online

Cronkite Legacy

KATHY CRONKITE, daughter of Walter Cronkite, and co-producer LESLIE CLARKE were online Thursday at washingtonpost.com to discuss "Walter Cronkite: Witness to History."

I was curious if Walter Cronkite has expressed any views on the people who are now becoming anchors of new programs and interview shows. It seems from that we are having more people who have spent most of their professional lives in entertainment venues being placed in such positions rather than well-seasoned reporters.

L.C.: Mr. Cronkite has written and talked about the state of television journalism today. He deplores the large salaries, the celebrity status of news presenters and especially the lack of international coverage. He has, however, never talked about individuals by name. All of his focus has been on the state of journalism — including the public's need to demand the whole truth from the news media they use the most.

In his book "A Reporter's Life," Walter Cronkite makes only marginal references to his daughter and family. Was he an involved father?

K.C.: He was a very involved father. I was much more aware of his presence than his absence. My mom's expression was, "When he works, he works hard; when he plays, he plays hard," and when he played, he was with us more than off with his buddies.

Since his retirement, Walter Cronkite has openly supported several liberal causes and makes no secret of his disdain for President Bush, the war in Iraq and many facets of modern conservatism. In your view, does his "coming out of the closet" warrant a more critical look at his career, when he appeared mostly unbiased?

K.C.: Yes. I think it supports what an excellent job he did of overriding his own beliefs in order to serve the public's need and right to unbiased news. I remember it was news if he even cocked an eyebrow while reporting, and that he was happiest when he received an equal number of letters calling him right wing and left wing.

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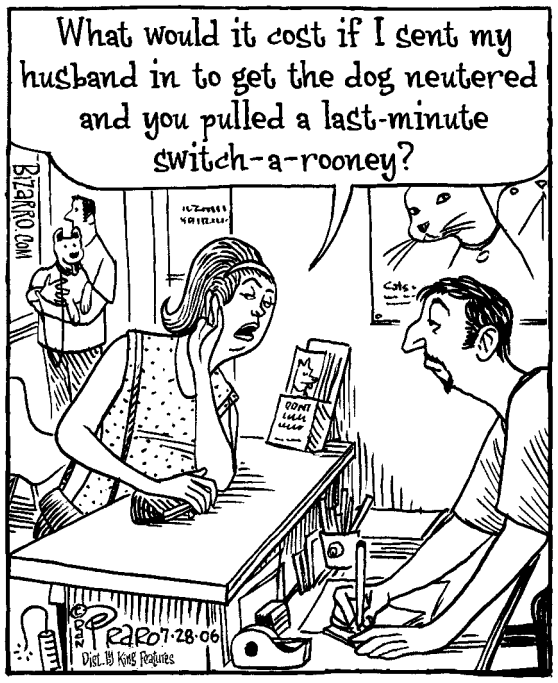
TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Security Fix blogger Brian Krebs will discuss the latest threats to computer security at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Look out

Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

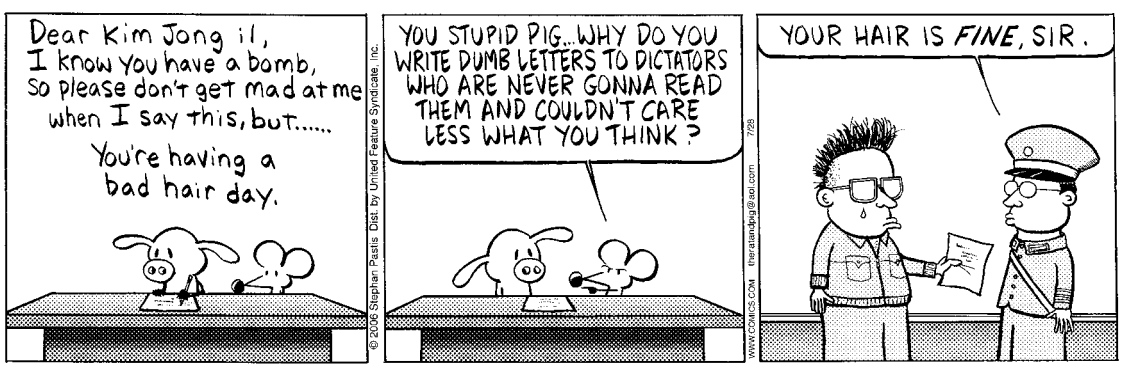


Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"You're mentioned in the new dictionary. Remember how the judge said you bring new meaning to the word 'loser'?"

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*

Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're likely to be fascinated by contradictions you encounter; don't let curiosity lead you into an ill-advised arrangement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will be in charge of your own self-satisfaction; don't expect anyone else to be looking out for your best interests like you will.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take care that your adventurous spirit doesn't lead you into an intrigue that presents more danger than you can handle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're likely to receive an offer that takes you by surprise — and which is no less tempting because it comes from a rival or an enemy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) There is some risk you may say too much to the wrong people and endanger a plan that hasn't yet gotten off the ground. Hold your tongue for now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be anxious to please someone older than yourself — but the real reason for this may come as a surprise when you realize it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may not give a good impression to someone in a position of importance — but it isn't likely to threaten a future career move.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Even the impossible can be managed if you play your cards right — and ally yourself with just the right people, as well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Others may not believe what you're up to, so it will behoove you to get results as soon as possible to win their support.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll have the chance to move in the right direction with speed and confidence — but you may want to take a good friend along for the ride.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's important for you to fill in the blanks and get as many details in order as you possibly can. Many depend on your own vigilance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may have to use a little more force than expected to get an important piece of information from someone who is being stubborn.

Letters

Lay off American Idols

I THINK ARION Berger's description of two of the American Idols in her Weekend Pass article, "Golden Idols," was rude. Referring to Elliott Yamin as a "tree-frog-looking creature ..." and Mandisa as "the big, black chick ..." isn't witty; it's rude and offensive to the fans of these two performers. I think it was pretty tasteless and I don't appreciate an editor not having it rephrased or removed.

—DEBORAH ROUSE
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1655 French dramatist and novelist Cyrano de Bergerac, the inspiration for a play by Edmond Rostand, died in Paris.

1868 The Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing due process of law, was declared in effect.

1932 Federal troops forcibly dispersed the so-called "Bonus Army" of World War I veterans who had gathered in Washington to demand money they were not scheduled to receive until 1945.

1965 President Johnson announced he was increasing the number of American troops in South Vietnam from 75,000 to 125,000.

1996 President Clinton, addressing a veterans convention in New Orleans, called on Congress to pass expanded anti-terrorism measures.

RICH LIPSKI/TWP

Today in 1996, President Bill Clinton called for anti-terrorism measures.

Look out | People

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Manuela and Prince, in happier times.

GOODBYE

Mysterious Wife of Prince Leaves Just as Mysteriously

Prince's second wife, **MANUELA TESTOLINI NELSON**, has filed for divorce. Patrick Cousins, Prince's general counsel, said Wednesday the case was pending. He had no further comment. The Minneapolis Star Tribune reported that the case was filed May 24. Prince, 48, has rarely spoken publicly about his marriage. (AP)

WHATEVER

Some Guy With a Stupid Beard Will Sing Some Song

CHRIS CORNELL of Audioslave will record the theme song for the upcoming James Bond film, "Casino Royale." "You Know My Name" will open the movie, which marks Daniel Craig's debut as 007. (AP)

PAUL MCCONNELL/GETTY IMAGES

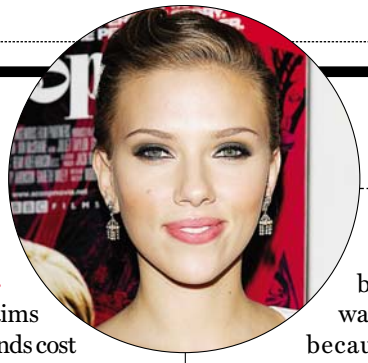
THE HOFF

His Legend Grows

DAVID HASSELHOFF's publicist, Judy Katz, denied a report Thursday that the actor/singer had been turned away from a British Airways flight because he was drunk. Katz said he had not been drinking, but felt unwell after taking some medication for his recent arm injury and wasn't able to get on the flight from London to Los Angeles. Also Wednesday: Hasselhoff's divorce from Pamela Bach was finalized in a Los Angeles court. (AP)

NO WAY

Wait. Scarlett Can Sing? Like Julie Andrews?



Pretty doesn't mean five-octave range.

SCARLETT JOHANSSON has denied claims that divalike demands cost her the lead in a revival of "The Sound of Music," a spokesman said Thursday. Johansson, 21, had been targeted to play Maria von Trapp in Andrew Lloyd Webber's production of the musical, set to open in London's West End in November.

"Her people were not 'pro' the idea. It became clear that it wasn't going to work because the demands were so ridiculous," Lloyd Webber told The Times newspaper. He said her representatives "couldn't understand why she would want to appear in the West End for $18,500 a week when she could be earning $10 million for a movie." (AP)

HEAD START

Pamela Takes Care of 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Marriages

PAMELA ANDERSON confirmed Wednesday she's ready to tie the knot with Kid Rock, several times. "I'm going to get married a few times this month to the same guy," said the actress during a news conference about her new online poker site, PamelaPoker.com. She said her nuptials to the rocker, whose real name is Bob Ritchie, will take place near St. Tropez, France. They are reportedly planned for Saturday. The former "Baywatch" star said the celebrations will also take her across the United States after the first ceremony. "We had to do Malibu, we've got to do Detroit, and we've got to do Nashville," she said. (AP)

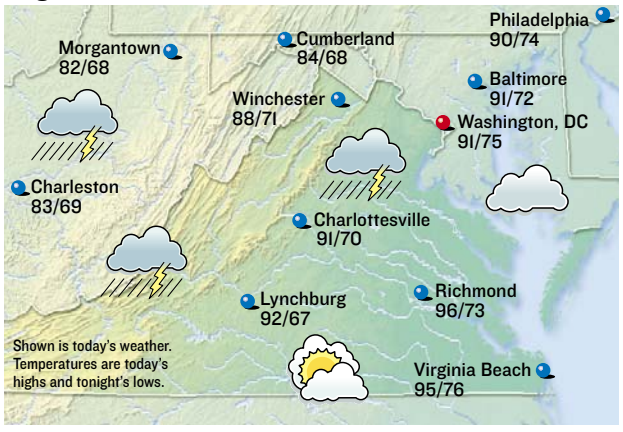
LOUISA GOULIAMAKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

She'll be all caught up with Elizabeth Taylor before August is out, we bet.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy, thunderstorms	An early thunderstorm	Partly sunny, hot, humid	An afternoon thunderstorm possible	Partly sunny, hot, humid	Partly sunny, hot, humid
91°	75°	91° / 75°	95° / 75°	95° / 77°	96° / 77°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	93°
Low	75°
Normal high	89°
Normal low	71°
Average humidity	67%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	3.56"
Normal month to date	3.19"
Year to date	28.65"
Last year to date	27.26"
Normal year to date	22.35"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, variably cloudy, hot, humid, a couple of showers, a thunderstorm. High 91. Wind west-southwest 10-20 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:05 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:23 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:16 a.m.
Moonset today	10:18 p.m.

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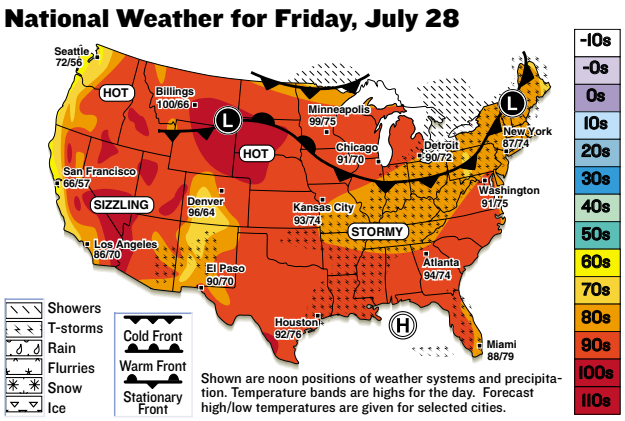
Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 15	Aug 23

National Weather for Friday, July 28



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	94/74/t	85/70/t
Boston	86/72/t	94/72/pc
Chicago	91/70/pc	93/72/pc
Dallas	98/77/pc	98/78/s
Denver	96/64/s	96/63/s
Honolulu	88/78/sh	88/76/pc
Los Angeles	86/70/pc	84/68/pc
Miami	88/79/pc	91/79/t
New York City	87/74/t	92/76/pc
Orlando	92/75/t	92/75/t
Seattle	72/56/pc	70/54/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	79/64/t	79/63/pc
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Buenos Aires	52/36/s	49/39/pc
Calgary	76/54/pc	79/52/pc
Dublin	68/57/pc	66/55/r
Geneva	85/56/t	81/55/t
Moscow	58/45/r	62/51/sh
Rome	90/68/pc	90/70/pc
Sydney	63/46/pc	64/48/s
Tokyo	82/72/sh	81/70/c

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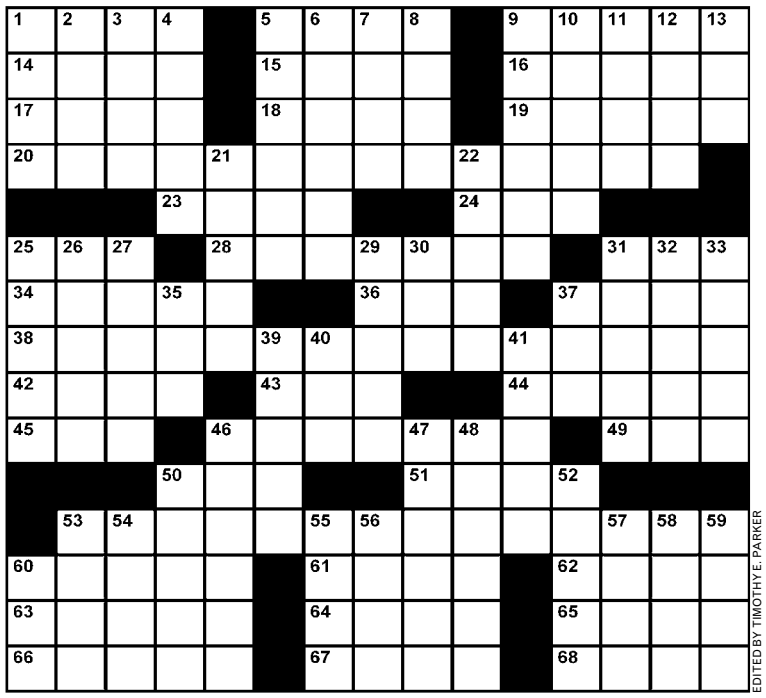
Look out

Not So Fast



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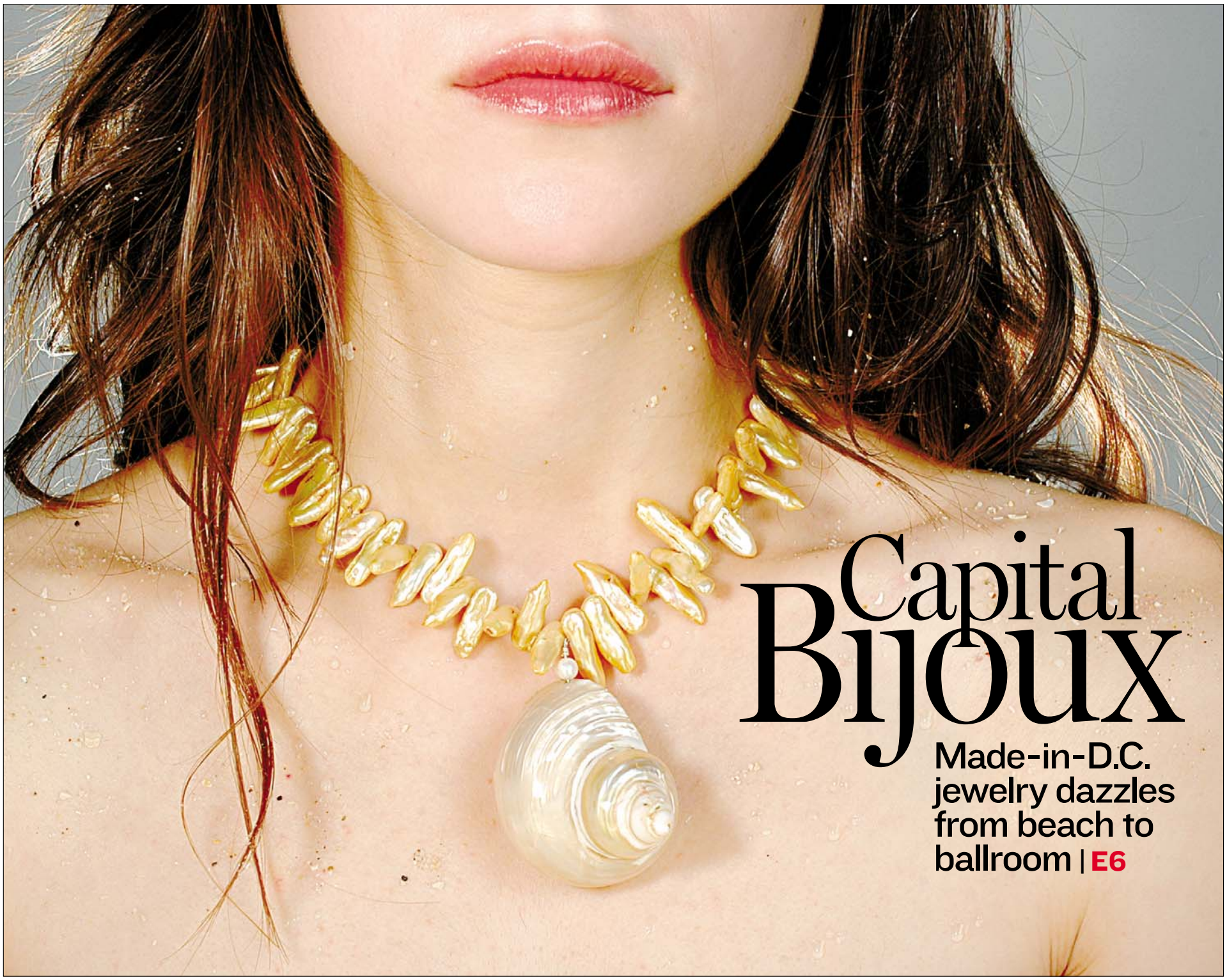

Capital Bijoux

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face Q+A time

■ **One of the Internet's** very first blogebrities, writer Pamela Ribon has been sharing her messes and successes with readers since 1998. Pamie.com eventually became (among many other things) a resource for reader-generated beauty tips, musings and neuroses. In her new novel, "Why Moms Are Weird," Ribon brings her frank, funny voice to a rather dark tale of a woman who stumbles upon her mom's freaky secrets.

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Pamela Ribon

BLOGGER, NOVELIST, TV PRODUCER

A major element of the book is the main character's weight loss. Where did that come from?
I have also recently lost a lot of weight, and noticed a lot of changes in my life. People treated me differently, which I wasn't expecting. Naively, I guess. And in my family, weight tends to be an issue. It is something that changes the dynamic of a family, and it's not something you necessarily think about.

Is Los Angeles really as image-conscious as it's made out to be?
Yes. It really is. But it's also easier to be health-conscious. There are vegan restaurants, vegetarian restaurants, raw-food restaurants. It's not weird to do yoga in the mornings. It's not weird to not be eating wheat. People talk about food and exercise quite a bit. Living in Texas, it's very different. It's so hot, we don't want to go outside. Here, people go on hikes. Like, for fun. You know how pomegranates are, like, the big health thing right now?

Oh, God, yes.
The big drink around here is a pomegranate martini. So we incorporate health into our worst vices.

How did you make the transition from Internet to print?
When I closed [squishy.com, the precursor to pamie.com] down, a woman who was working at Putnam e-mailed to ask if I was writing a book. I pulled together some essays and I got an agent, and the agent decided it would be easier to sell a novel than some kind of Internet memoir. So I took people's favorite essays and fictionalized the concept of blogging. In the initial drafts, there was a lot more from the blog, but the story took on a life of its own. In the second book, there's very little from the Web site. But the stuff that's going on isn't much I haven't talked about before.

A lot of pamie.com, especially in its older days, dealt with girly secrets, like how to get your shirt on without deodorant streaks. What were some of your favorites?
Some were elaborate — rolling the shirt and slithering into it like an eel? It was at a time when feedback [on blogs] was kind of new. You had guestbooks for awhile, but an open exchange of ideas about a topic was new back then. Seven jeans — I learned about them from there.

> "It makes you feel a little bit better about needing this one soap to make you feel pretty."

Anything else?
Lux jeans at Urban Outfitters. A lot of their stuff is, like, Ye Olde Blouse, but they have this one pair of jeans and they fit perfectly. They're kind of ratty-looking, but they're great. And I also love my Lucky jeans. They're really good. I recommend them to anyone.

Any other reader lessons?
The most important thing is to not feel weird. There was this one time when a friend was in my bathroom, and he said, "Pam, do you need any more s*** for your face?" We all do it. It makes you feel a little bit better about needing this one soap to make you pretty and being totally obsessed with it.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

IN THE POST TODAY

Dig History.

Discover area sites that invite you to be an archaeologist for a day in the Weekend section.

Also in Weekend: New additions to the H Street NE nightlife scene. A chat with Mary J. Blige. Learn to dance like a Bollywood star. Plus, what's new at the movies, on DVD and in video games.

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1 Bagging the Dog

YEAH, YOU COULD I.D. YOUR SUITCASE WITH a purple yarn tassle or one of those paper labels so generously provided by Northwest Airlines. But you might spot your Samsonite sooner if you use one of Fluff's whimsical vinyl luggage tags. These porta-pets come in carnival-bright colors (cotton-candy pink, Vegas violet) and depict breeds from boxers to terriers. "People like to individualize their stuff," said Jennifer Marfino, who sells them at her ShoeFly boutique (2618 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-243-6490). Not a pooch lover? Fluff also makes tags shaped like high-heeled shoes, fuzzy dice and big-haired bimbos.

Grab Bag

3 Way Cooler Than Camo

WE LOVE a man in uniform, but G.I. Janes often look frumpy in what seem to be cut-for-Joe dress whites or workday greens. But gals can stand in formation fashionably with the new line Ph by Phillia ($158 to $250, funkylala.com). Well-cut jackets, skinny pants and kimono tops marry military touches (chevrons, crisp belts) with Asian flair.

4 Be Pretty, Stay Manly

CLAIMING TO BE THE FIRST LINE of luxury skin care and grooming products aimed at black men, Ikhala AfricanMale by MenEssentials (menessentials.com) targets issues like ingrown hairs and dry skin. Our typically low-maintenance tester enjoyed the shower gel ($14), which he said left his skin feeling softer. He dismissed the face wash — "I'd rather stick to good old bar soap." And he thought the shaving gel didn't offer enough protection. He was most impressed with the moisturizing cream ($24), which he used after shaving. And all of the scents were musky and masculine without being overpowering.

2 Magalog Mania

MAYBE FAIR AND UNBIASED old Consumer Reports felt Lucky was breathing down its neck? Best-known for rating microwaves and minivans, CR turns its no-freebies, no-mercy testing on girlier goods — countertops, cashmere, outlet malls, chardonnay — with ShopSmart, on newsstands Aug. 1. Its hot tips were embargoed at press time, but this tester can reveal the mag was less dense than CR, yet loaded with brutally honest opinions.

5 Secrets of a Mix Mistress

BIG BIRD-YELLOW box cakes and dry mix cookies give us pause. But Crate & Barrel's new Barefoot Contessa mixes for treats like brownies and lemon pound cake ($10 to $15, crateandbarrel.com) mostly make us hungry. Add premeasured ingredients to store-bought stuff (eggs, milk) for an insta-bake sale.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I am an aide to a member of the House of Representatives. As you would imagine, I am not very well-paid, but I still need professional-looking shoes. —MIRANDA

■ Manolo says, the Manolo he can think of few jobs more demanding and less appreciated than to be the assistant to the congressperson. It is like being the governess for the very

headstrong and naughty young child, whom you must continually retrieve from one potentially dangerous or embarrassing situation after the next. You are in charge of so many things, such as arranging the play-dates with the lobbyists, and insuring that the committee homework gets done on time. You must endure the silly temper tantrums and make certain that the self-esteem of your congresschild is properly cultivated. You must do all of this, and yet, you are underappreciated, underpaid and may be discharged at any moment, on the merest whim. This is why the Manolo thinks you owe it to yourself to have the beautiful and comfortable shoes, because if you do not reward yourself, who will? Here is a most fun and attractive new wedge-heel kiltie from the Stuart Weitzman ($260, zappos.com), the shoe that will look very smart this fall as you go about your important duties.

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Express Top Model Claudine wears Queen Bee Designs' stick pearl-and-abalone necklace. ($170, 703-329-6768; queenbeedesigns.com and area boutiques). **Photo by Michelle Repiso.**

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Here Is the Shore Thing

Eastern Shore B&B offers cozy comfort

NEED A BREAK? To the point where you're ready to check into the Econo Lodge on the corner just so you can have clean sheets without, you know, having to clean the sheets?

For the first in a series of occasional getaway profiles, we drove to the Eastern Shore to visit the Lodgecliffe on the Choptank Bed & Breakfast: The summer house you're not rich enough to afford.

Cambridge, Md., is far enough away to seem like an escape — it's about a two-hour drive from downtown — but close enough that you can pay for gas and still afford to eat. Plus, it's a more low-key base than fancy St. Michaels for exploring the shore.

When you arrive at Lodgecliffe, Justin, the innkeepers' son, might be playing outside with Argus, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever. Jennifer Mills, one of the innkeepers, could be in the kitchen. It's like walking into the house of a friend — albeit a cool friend with a four-bedroom house from 1898 who doesn't mind if you spend your entire vacation parked on her sofa reading a book.

Instead of a couch, though, snag one of the Adirondack chairs overlooking the bay and shaded by a gigantic elm. There are steps leading down to the water so you can swim, but it's rocky, and once the jellyfish show up in June, not fun. Better to keep sitting and enjoy some chocolate-chip cookies or other baked delights that Jennifer will whip up.

MICHELLE REPISO/EXPRESS

Plop your bum onto one of these comfy chairs, bite into a divine cookie and relax.

What sets Lodgecliffe apart, aside from its ultra-homey atmosphere, is the lack of frillies, flowers and other banes of the B&B circuit. "There's a man's opinion in all of [the rooms]," said Jennifer. She and husband Scott target hunters in the winter months, so the look's intended to be a little more masculine. That doesn't mean the spot isn't romantic: You can choose where you'd like to eat breakfast, be it in your room, in the dining room or outside on the porch.

At some point, you'll want to venture outside. Spend the day sportfishing for rockfish, flounder and mackerel (Captain Ben Parks, 410-228-7837). Or head to the Brannock Maritime Museum, which chronicles the watery history of the Choptank River (210 Talbot Ave.; 410-228-1245). Thursday through Saturday, you can take a nighttime Ghost Walk tour of Cambridge, where you'll learn about Big Liz, Bloody Henny and swamp monsters (reservations required, 410-228-7782). But why do anything when there are chairs looking out over the water and cookies in the oven? KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

→ *Lodgecliffe on the Choptank Bed and Breakfast, 103 Choptank Terrace, Cambridge; $145-$175 per night, 866-273-3830; lodgecliffeonthechoptankbandb.com*

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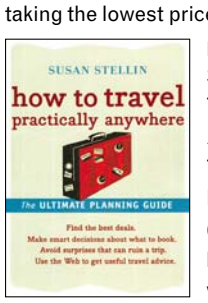
Help for Tripping Up

■ For people born without the travel-agent gene, the new world order of booking your own vacations can be daunting. If your idea of hunting for a deal is taking the lowest price on Orbitz, then pick up Susan Stellin's "How to Travel Practically Anywhere: The Ultimate Planning Guide" ($16, Houghton Mifflin). The tome walks readers through the entire process, from figuring out where you want to go and what you want to do — perhaps volunteer in an orphanage or take a culinary adventure — to how to snag the best deals for flights, hotels and rental cars by leveraging all of that info on the various dot-coms. Even experienced globe-trotters will find some useful tidbits. We'd never even heard of her favorite travel search engine, ITA Software (itasoftware.com). VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



GAMES

Paris in a Flash Card

■ We checked. A flight to Paris today from Dulles is gonna cost about $2,000. The more economical approach, therefore, is to spring for ParisSmarts ($17, smartsco.com). The box is packed with Paris trivia questions in four subjects: Le Menu, History, Off the Beaten Path and Culture. Instead of riding the train, you can find out that it's illegal to kiss on the train. And if you decide to risk a fine, it's good to know some Parisians aren't satisfied with the double kiss (they often go for the triple- or quad-smooch). Planning to physically go to Paris in the future? It's a handy way to bone up before you go, plus it comes with a slender travel guide with tips on stuff like where to picnic and shop for vintage threads. V.H.

Into Steep

Be it trad Brit or exotic Asian, tea's a party

The concept of afternoon tea seems a little old-fashioned these days. What non-Brit is schooled in the seemingly elaborate ritual of brewing it? And who has the time to prepare labor-intensive treats like the homemade cookies, savories and pastries featured at fancy hotels? But entertaining with tea, one of the world's oldest beverages, really couldn't be easier.

"Good-quality tea is really all you need," said Adrina Kievits, a tea expert at the newly opened Tea Cellar (Park Hyatt Washington, 24 and M streets NW; 202-789-1234). The sleek tearoom serves 53 infusions ranging from Jasmine Blossom ($6 a pot) to a vintage 1985 Royal Reserve Pu-Erh ($300 a pot); the Chinese leaf is aged in caves and said to have near-magical health-enhancing properties.

Kievets likened selecting a tea to choosing a wine, with fine varieties conveying a sense of place via taste and smell. Think a dark, heavy-bodied English breakfast blend, an aromatic herbal Japanese variety or a clean-on-the-palate, calming Chinese green tea. These and others are sold loose at the Park Hyatt and served in the Cellar, where you can indulge yourself in a luxurious tea service complete with a mini-buffet of sweets and savories. Teaism (see teaism.com for locations) also traffics in teas, plus accoutrements like Asian ceramic pots and the Japanese whisks used to whip powdered green tea into a froth.

When choosing what to brew for a home party, the choices are endless: It is rumored that Chinese green alone comes in several thousand varieties. You can serve a single type of tea like mint, create flights of different brews or offer an assortment from which guests can choose.

Traditional teatime falls in the late afternoon, and it's customary to serve both sweets and savories. English apricot, ginger or lemon scones with Devon cream and crumpets can be found at The Tea Room & The British Connection (119 South Royal St., Alexandria; 703-836-8181). Vivian Bacon, proprietor of the 14-year-old shop and cafe, also offers six types of sandwiches with her repasts; varieties include cucumber and turkey.

MICHELLE REPISO/EXPRESS

POUR HOUSE: Park Hyatt Washington's new Tea Cellar offers strange, tasty brews, which you can use to party at home, too.

For a bash more Euro than U.K., lay out Hungarian pastries.

For a bash more Euro than U.K., lay out Hungarian pastries, like Beigli made with walnuts (Hungarian Pastries at 301-770 5521), or a classic Austrian linzertorte ($6.75) from Leopold's Kafe & Konditorei (3315 M St. NW; 202-965-6005). Both pair nicely with gentler teas — Chinese Silver Needle, for example.

Set the table for an English-themed tea with Sunday-best linens and — of course — roses, which will summon an English-garden look. For an Asian event, simplicity is the charm: Use napkins with Asian motifs or antique flea-market teapots.

While traditional Asian tea ceremonies feature hot teas, iced tea can also star at contemporary brewhahas. In "Iced Tea" ($11, Harvard Common Press), author Fred Thompson details 50 chilly concoctions, including spiked treats like a green tea martini and a bourbon tea punch.

To make any tea, handle it gently. Use bottled H20, if possible, and boil the water, not the tea. Place leaves in a teapot outfitted with a strainer, and pour the liquid over them. Let it steep and serve. When preparing a cuppa, the Park Hyatt's Kievits recommended not adding sugar or lemon at first. "A fine tea has all the flavorings you really need," she said.

And remember, as the old saying goes: Love and scandal are the best sweeteners for tea. MONICA BHIDE

bash in a flash

A Little Lamb

■ Long before Blue had clues, Shari Lewis and Lamb Chop pioneered interactive children's television. Though Lewis, a 12-time Emmy winner, died eight years ago on Aug. 2, the fun shouldn't stop. Celebrate one of TV's longest-running human/puppet duos with a dinner party centered around — what else? — lamb chops.

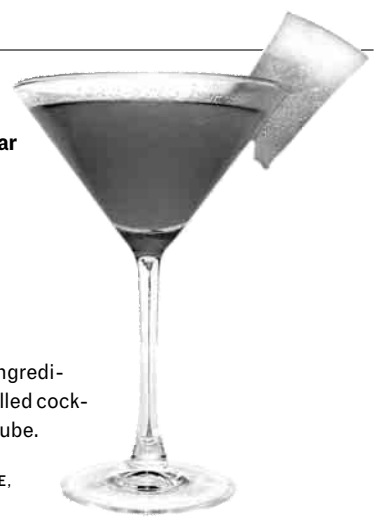
"Lamb's got a very distinct flavor — very different from pork or beef," said Don Roden, of The Organic Butcher in Mclean (theorganicbutcher.com). Take that, Miss Piggy! Chops are the best cut for a meal, said Roden, because "they have the bone in, which is great for flavor, and you can get a whole serving from one chop." He advised searing chops for a minute on each side before cooking for three to five minutes per side on a lower heat. For flavoring, Roden said, "they're great with olive oil, salt and pepper."

Lamb it up for the rest of your meal with Lamb Chop ice-cream sundaes: vanilla ice cream with chocolate kisses to make Lamb Chop's eyes and nose, a line of chocolate sauce for her mouth and cherries for her bow. The ideal soundtrack? "The Song That Never Ends." JAMIE DEATON

drink special

Watermelon Martini

Colvin Run Tavern's granite-topped bar looks even cooler when topped with this highball. Here's how to make it:



- **1.5 oz.** Ketel One Citroen Vodka
- **A taste** of simple syrup
- **6 to 8** watermelon cubes

Build in mixing glass; combine above ingredients. Add ice, shake and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a watermelon cube.

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Local Color

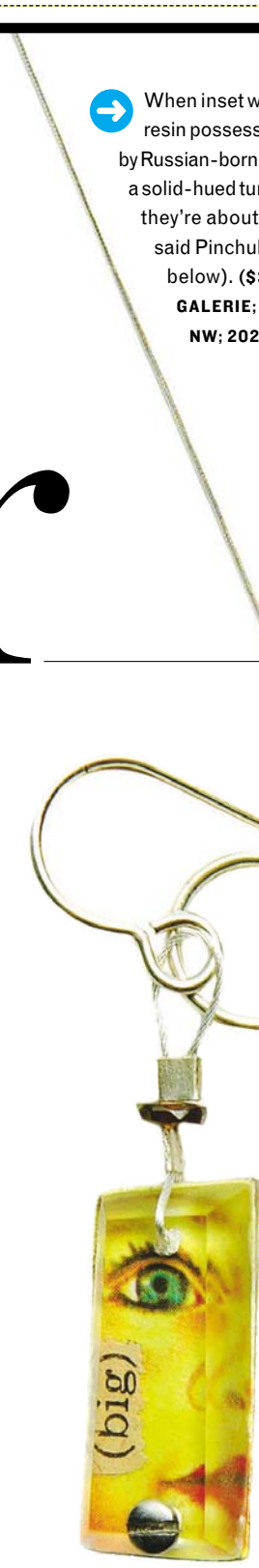
Black coral and red resin, seed pods and seed pearls. In the creative claws of D.C.-area artisans, diverse matter morphs into delightful jewelry. Whether they weld metals or hunt stones in Asia, these alchemists create adornments with universal appeal and local flair. "Jewelry in D.C. has evolved, because there's been a fashion awakening" said Allison Brooks, creator of Alexandria-based Queen Bee Designs. "Besides, a good necklace can allow a woman to express herself far more than any shirt or scarf." JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

D.C.'s Andrea Haffner takes natural things (seeds, clovers), sets them in resin and frames them in silver or gold. Use as pendants or pins. **($40-$350, ANDREA HAFFNER.COM OR EASTERN MARKET)**

In Chinese myths, dragons guard kings and hidden treasures. On LoveDrops' earrings, they defend your rep as Empress of Fashion. Capitol Hillite Lisa Collins is behind this unique creation. **($48, CIRCLE BOUTIQUE, 1608 17TH ST. NW; 202-518-2212)**

Sticks of black coral form a dramatic collar fit for a trip to Fiji — or your cousin's backyard luau. "My style is big and bold," said Allison Brooks, who created the piece for her Queen Bee Designs line. "People notice things like this." **($156, 703-329-6768; QUEENBEEDESIGNS.COM AND AREA BOUTIQUES)**

Mount Rainier's Dawn Benedetto holds a patent for the tech that makes her glass/silver Poppi rings fit almost any finger. The Petal Ring comes in 180 colors! **($64, STUDIO 226, TORPEDO FACTORY, 105 N. UNION ST.; ALEXANDRIA; 703-549-2990; POPPISHOP.COM)**



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Swarovski crystals, blobs of see-through
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olor and alternative materials,"
who also works in metal (see
0-$350, JEWELERS'WERK
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Washington's Anya Pinchuk enameled a sink stopper and put it on a weathered copper chain for a piece she made with sister Natalya Pinchuk. **($490, JEWELERS' WERK GALERIE)**

Bethesda's Danielle Insetta turned groovy 1960s Lucite into a mod squad of earrings and necklaces for her CircaSixtyThree line. **($40 A PAIR, UNSUNGDESIGNERS.COM)**

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Alexandria's Alicia Roman. She
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t is traditional and feminine," said
designs, like this pendant, at her
608 20TH ST. NW; 202-387-7117)

Like bling for a Venetian principessa, Pulsera's bracelet combines garnets, glass beads and goldtone chains. Don it to dress up basic black or gild a colorful frock. Its creator: Logan Circle's Paula Mendoza. **($103, CIRCLE BOUTIQUE)**

Green cinnabar hugs a gold bead on a delicate bauble by D.C.'s Mona Assemi. Pair it with a tunic for casbah cool. **($70, ALEX, I ST. NW BETWEEN 19TH AND 20TH STS.; 202-296-2610)**

IDEA LIST

The Hope Diamond, out of your budget, but on view at the Smithsonian.

Head to the Gem

Yeah, D.C.'s got a buttoned-down rep. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't put on the glitz, or at least ogle some bling. Here are ways to see, make or fill your treasure chest with jewelry. J.B.

STRINGING THEORIES: In addition to turning out stellar jewelry, Anya Pinchuk also teaches others how to make dazzlers at the Corcoran College of Art & Design. Aug. 7 to 11, she'll show wannabe Louis Tiffanys ring-making methods ($215, 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. daily); a more intense, 14-session intro to jewelry begins Sept. 9. corcoran.edu.

ROLLING STONE: Rumored to be cursed, supposedly owned by Marie Antoinette and just downright pretty, the 45-carat Hope Diamond sits and spins at the National Museum of Natural History. Other gem dandies glassed in here: a 23.1 carat Burmese ruby ring, the massive Star of Asia sapphire. 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000; mnh.si.edu.

A BLAST OF CREATIVITY: For one of the area's largest collections of locally made adornments, head to the Torpedo Factory Art Center, where nearly two dozen enamelists, silversmiths and fiber savants make and show their stuff. Don't miss Cynthia Corio-Poli's enameled "wave" rings in Studio 209 or Estelle Vernon's gingko- or geranium-leaf shaped silver and gold earrings in Studio 201. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565; torpedofactory.org.

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what the heck?

Unleash Your Inner Artist

■ You don't need more dried flowers or duvet covers or art by those "real" artists that charge so much money or anything else from Ikea, dammit. What your rad pad needs is fascinating, hand-painted-by-you images of 1990s icons such as Marion Barry, the Rachel hairdo and Sinead O'Connor ripping a portrait of the Pope in half.

Yes, "Let's Paint the '90s" is a silly novelty book ($13, Quirk) awash in an outdated concept of irony that is itself so very last-decade. And yes, the included watercolors are so cheap they're virtually unusable; we hauled out some acrylic paints for our bleak, post-apocalyptic interpretation of Mary-Kate and Ashley, above. But to some of our readers — and if you think string lights are a sexy, hip design statement, then we mean you — the idea of a soothing pastel depiction of Cameron Diaz from "There's Something About Mary" is just what the blank wall above the toilet needs. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

Your Dirty Little Secret

How to mask your home's spills and scars

A KLUTZY GUEST knocks over a bottle of pinot noir, and suddenly a party transforms into an emergency room. Someone rushes in with paper towels and another starts dousing the spot with seltzer, but everyone knows the off-white carpet is now going to look very off-white indeed. But must the host either live with the darkened reminder of that party foul or replace the sullied wall-to-wall? No way. With a few tricks from decor professionals, no one will ever know about the wine incident or your home's other scars from various spills and scrapes.

For the carpet stain, pray it's smack in the middle of a "conversation area," with sofas and chairs, said Kathy Alexander of Alexander Interiors (703-503-3300, alexanderinteriors.com). That way, you can easily throw down a rug — and there's nothing wrong with layering a rug on top of carpet. "An Oriental rug on plain carpeting can add a lot of color to the space," she advised.

More traditional tastes could opt for Persian styles, as the often multicolored patterns can hide a lot. If your pad is more mod, think about going Tibetan: "They have simpler designs and a more limited palette for a clean, sophisticated look." There's a wide selection of both at Shayan Oriental Carpets (14240 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly; 703-968-6969).

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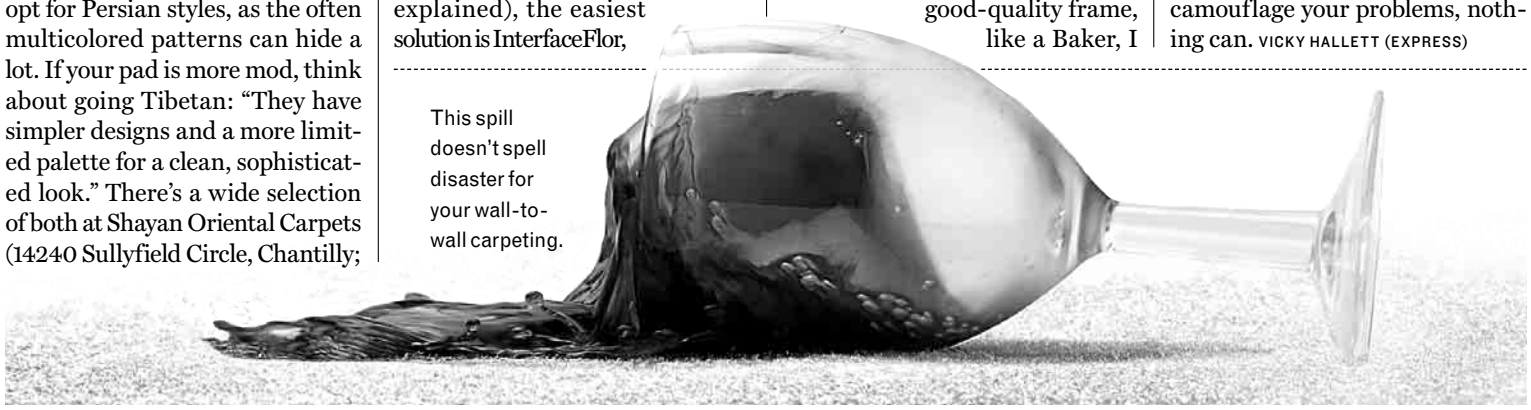
Even if you utterly destroy part of an InterfaceFlor, you can just pop in new tiles.

If the carpet catastrophe doesn't lend itself well to a new rug or smaller throw, perhaps a floor pillow could do the trick, suggests Grace Gottlieb of Apartment Zero (406 7th St. NW; 202-628-4067; apartmentzero.com). The store has red, brown and gray ones from Designer's Eye Sweden with raised stitching and geometric patterns ($225). Or you can go budget beautifully at West Elm (westelm.com), which has 26-inch square shag and tribal styles ($59). For wood or vinyl floor issues ("So many people move into places with bad floors," Gottlieb explained), the easiest solution is InterfaceFlor, modular carpet squares that come in every hue and pattern and can plop over whatever problem-ridden spot you have.

Furniture is trickier. All it takes to slice the fabric of a couch or chair is one swipe of spiky jewelry. McLean-based designer Monika Sibert (703-848-4900) advised that beyond blankets and pillows — which can mask an arm rip nicely — every other cure is costly. Reupholstering costs between $300 and $800 before fabric (anywhere from $300 to $2,000). "You can go into Storehouse and buy a new sofa for that price, so unless it's a really good-quality frame, like a Baker, I wouldn't reupholster it," she said. Slipcovers are a tad less pricey, and they come with the benefit of being easily removable and washable. "A good slipcover is an investment," she explained. "You could have it made in an outdoor fabric and stains would just roll off it."

You're not up against a wall with the sides of your rooms either, even if you accidentally poked a hole in the drywall or your nephew decided to scuff up the bottom of your walls with his toy cars. For a cottage-y look, you could install beadboard (available at places like Home Depot) — strips of wood paneling with a durable surface. "You could go right over a hole, so you don't even need to repair it," Sibert suggested. When Alexander worked with a family with seven kids, she used a vinyl wall covering with a faux finish effect. Marks washed off easily and, thanks to the textured look, fingerprints and other marks didn't show.

Gottlieb has one last-ditch solution for a wall gone terribly wrong: "Leaning a mirror on a wall covers a multitude of sins. If it's a big one, it handles everything from the floor all the way up." She suggests the Lean from Bensen ($990), which rises 72 inches. And if that can't camouflage your problems, nothing can. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



This spill doesn't spell disaster for your wall-to-wall carpeting.

event horizon

Aug. 4-6 are Virginia's first tax-free shopping days ever. For those who plan on spending every second in the stores, the Ritz-Carlton at Tysons Corner is offering a $149 package that includes breakfast and transportation to the mall. 703-506-4300 or ritzcarlton.com.

fifteen-minute diy

Pillows From Place Mats

■ Who decreed that throw pillows should cost almost as much as a month's rent? If $125 bucks for a bed bolster hardens you against soft goods, then turn something to eat on into something to lounge on.

Take any place mat sewn from two layers of fabric. Good sources, none of which charge more than about $10 per mat: Crate & Barrel, Pier 1, Go Mama Go! (1809 14th St. NW; 202-299-0850). Choose by color or pattern, but shun jabby beaded trim.

Buy fiber stuffing (joann.com) and thread to match the mat. Use a seam ripper or butter knife to carefully remove a few stiches on one side. Gently cram in stuffing until pillow is firm but not too puffy, and stitch up by hand. Toss on the bed or sofa, laughing gleefully at all the money you've saved.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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Crown moldings add regal flair to walls. These are from White River Hardwoods.

Mold Walls or Cut a Rug Deal

decor Diva

Q Our condo has 10-foot-high ceilings, dark floors and a paint job that isn't the best. My decor mixes modern pieces and antiques. Should I put in crown moldings?

Moldings would add polish, and installation isn't complicated or messy, since they're applied directly to walls and ceilings. (And they'll cover up a sloppy paint job). You'll probably need a carpenter, though. Find one at servicemagic.com or ask a pal who's recently remodeled.

Also consider whether you'd prefer painted or stained moldings. The stained variety is more expensive, but often looks richer. The painted kind, usually white, can give that traditional, colonial D.C. look. If your base moldings are painted, you can save some money by using paint-grade molding. Consider your ceiling height: Since yours is high, a 4- to 6-foot crown would be proportional. To keep the look contemporary, stick with a simple profile — nothing carved or Baroque.

A carpenter can show you catalogs of moldings from various mills and indicate which are in stock and which are custom. If you'd like to comparison-shop on your own, start with Smoot Lumber in Alexandria (6295 Edsall Rd. #20; 703-823-2100). Another source: White River Hardwoods (800-558-0119; mouldings.com)

Q Where can I find area rugs at bargain prices?

Before rolling out to buy carpet, measure your room to figure out your maximum rug size. Standard sizes fall between 3 feet by 5 feet and 10 feet by 14 feet, but you can also find circles and squares. Decide which colors you want to coordinate with — blues in your toile curtains? A yellow sun in a painting? Use swatches, paint chips or pillows to make matches.

Rug Home (45500 Ruritan Circle, Sterling; 703-650-1042), is a huge warehouse where rugs line every wall and every inch of the floor. Well-priced carpets range from Tibetan to Persian, needlepoint to Aubusson. The salespeople are knowledgeable and friendly. You can buy a rug, try it at home and return it within three days if it looks futzy with your futon.

@ Send home design dilemmas to Katie Z. Leavy, ASID, of Capital Design (capitaldesignDC.com) at **decordiva@readexpress.com**.

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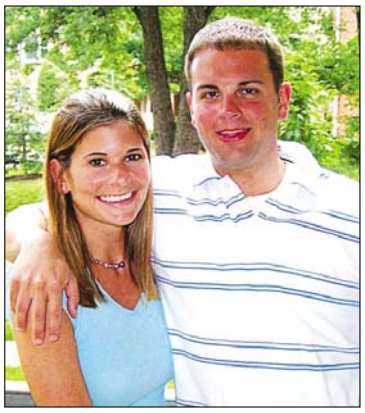

Greta Engelhart, Nicholas Hoyle

Greta, 24, is a recruiter for Ajilon Finance. Nick, 25, is an IT auditor for the federal government. They live in Arlington.

- **The Main Event:** An Oct. 14 celebration for 80 guests in Virginia Beach.
- **How They Met:** Greta was apartment-hunting for her senior year at Virginia Tech. "I saw an ad in the school paper for a vacant room, and when I went to meet my potential roommates, Nick answered the door."
- **First Date:** Dinner at a restaurant in Blacksburg. Later, Nick told Greta that he had not only eaten lunch at the same restaurant earlier in the day, but ordered the same thing. "I thought it was a little weird, but went out with him again nonetheless," said Greta.
- **How He Proposed:** On the Virginia Beach boardwalk, where they were looking at Christmas lights.
- **Their Song:** "That Was a Crazy Game of Poker" by OAR. "We always play it on the jukebox at Sharkey's in Blacksburg," said Greta.
- **Stupidest Fight:** Whether a ceiling fan actually lowers the temperature of a room.
- **Celebrating Heritage:** "The wedding will be a Catholic ceremony. We thank our guests in advance for their patience," said Greta.
- **Making It Unique:** Nick "hopes to get most of the bridal party into the ocean by the end of the reception."

Nick's afraid a groomsman will pass out during the ceremony.

Fletch Still Lives

You can't go wrong with a Paris proposal. **BOB MORRIS** popped the question to **JOSIE BAKER** at the Eiffel Tower, while the couple were celebrating their one-day-apart birthdays in the City of Light. The site will remain in sight at their Sept. 30 wedding in downtown D.C., with miniature Eiffel towers on the tables and "eiffeltini" cocktails.

The pair met in 2004 during a Halloween party at Bob's. ("He likes to say he never even had to leave his house to find his future wife," said Josie.) Bob was dressed as Fletch, from the film's dream sequence. "She seemed really fun and smart," he said of Josie. "Plus, she liked mac and cheese." And, she lived less than a half-mile away. ("Very G.D. — geographically desirable.") Soon, "all I cared about was spending time with Josie. This was the first time my date was more important than my friends."

Josie, 32, is an opinion researcher for a crisis communication firm. Bob, 34, is a client manager for an IT company. They live in Washington.

Lezael Haynes, De Angelo Rorie

Lezael, 28, is a senior consultant in the Wholesale Power Practice at ICF International. De Angelo, 29, is the Director of Youth Program Operations for Heads Up. They live in Waldorf.

- **The Main Event:** A "mix of civil and Christian traditions" on Aug. 12 in Lothian, Md. They expect 150 guests.
- **Honeymoon:** Turks and Caicos Islands.
- **How They Met:** At a nightclub in Washington. "For me, it was love at first sight," said De Angelo. "I saw her when she entered the club and was fortunate enough to be on the same dance floor as she later on in the evening."
- **First Date:** Dinner at the Fish Market in Alexandria.

"We don't have a song, but I randomly sing to her, 'You Light Up My Life,'" said De Angelo.

- **How He Proposed:** At the FDR Memorial. The location "had significant meaning, as it was the site of one of our most romantic summer strolls," said De Angelo.
- **Pet Names:** They call each other "ouitos" ("No known meaning," they said), "boosies" and "ouits."
- **Celebrating Heritage:** Lezael is from Trinidad, so they "will combine traditional island motifs with traditional American practices."
- **Mmm, Cake:** Vanilla butternut and chocolate. The groom's cake will be a carrot cake.

Kirsten Behnke, Leon Lum

Kirsten, 27, will be a graduate student in statistics at American University. Leon, 27, is a patent examiner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. They live in Arlington.

- **The Main Event:** A formal event for 200 guests at a golf club in Williamstown, N.J., on Sept. 3.
- **Honeymoon:** A Caribbean cruise.
- **How They Met:** While master's students in the biomedical engineering program at Johns Hopkins University. "We met at orientation, became friends after the first day of classes and started dating nine months later," said Kirsten.
- **First Date:** Dessert at Vaccaro's in Baltimore, followed by a visit to a romantic spot in Federal Hill Park.
- **How He Proposed:** Over a home-cooked, candlelit meal at Kirsten's house. "After she said 'yes,' she asked me to repeat everything I said because the whole time she was thinking, 'Oh my God, oh my God, oh my God,'" said Leon.

- **Their Song:** "Home" by Michael Buble. "The last three years have been long-distance. The song is about a guy finally coming home to his girlfriend after being abroad. In just a few months, we will be sharing our first apartment together and 'coming home' to each other," said Kirsten.
- **Celebrating Heritage:** The wedding will be followed by a Chinese banquet the next day.
- **Making It Unique:** After the ceremony, they'll take a spin in a golf cart.
- **Wedding Jitters:** "Rain, rain, rain," said Kirsten. "It would be a shame to have to walk out under a golf umbrella."

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How to Play

The rules of Samurai Sudoku are the same as in the popular Sudoku puzzles that appear in Express and The Washington Post.

As with standard Sudoku, the Samurai version requires no math, just logic, reasoning ... and an iron will. The goal is to fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles.

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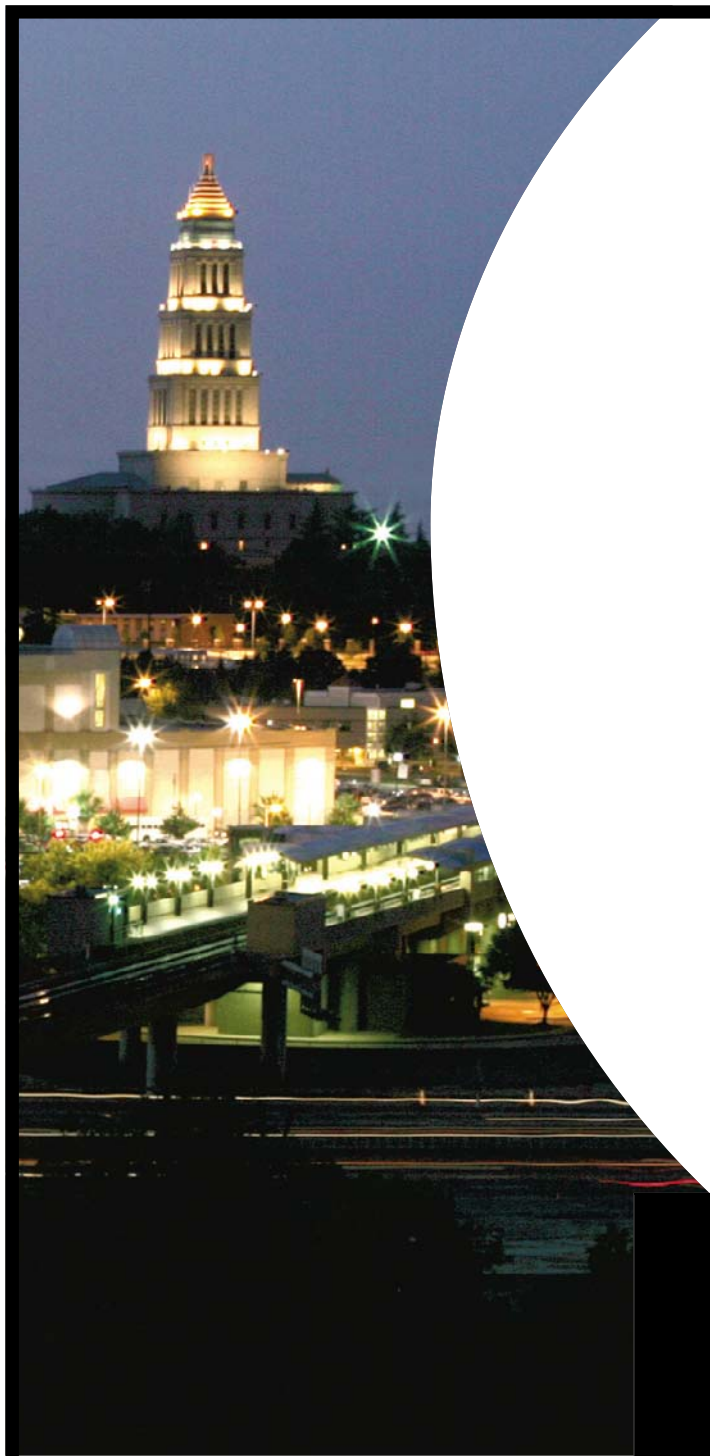

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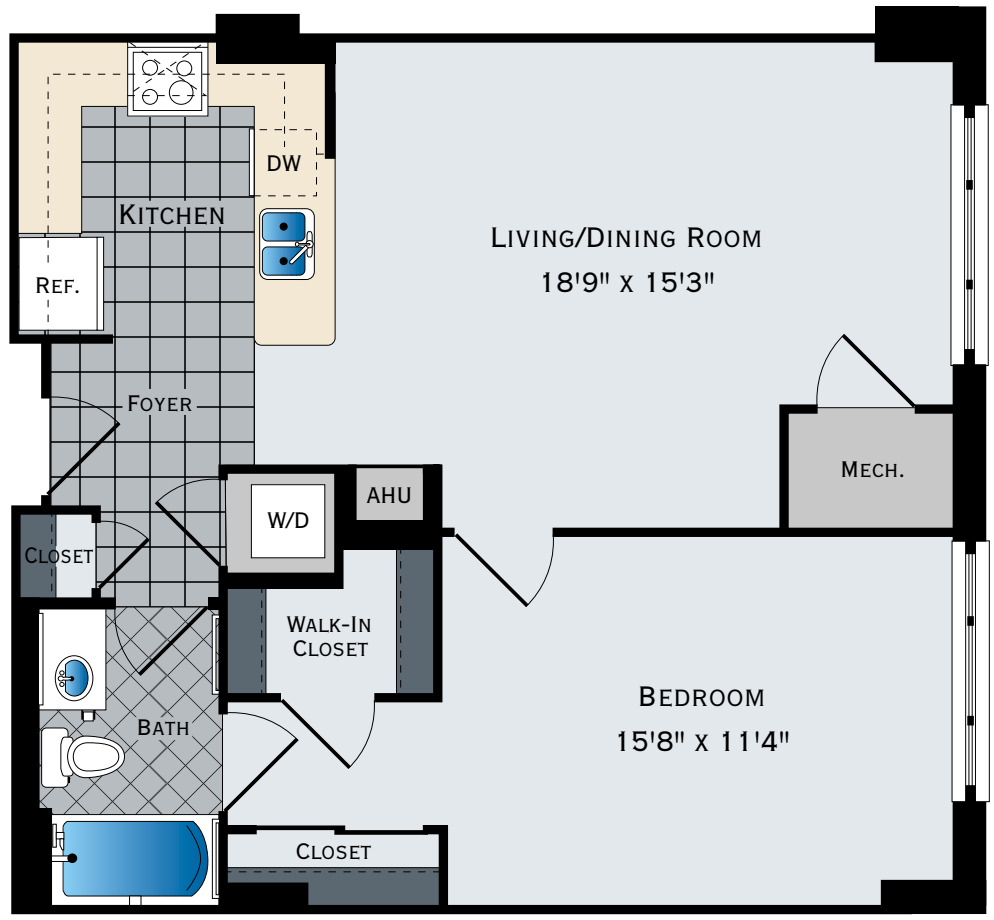

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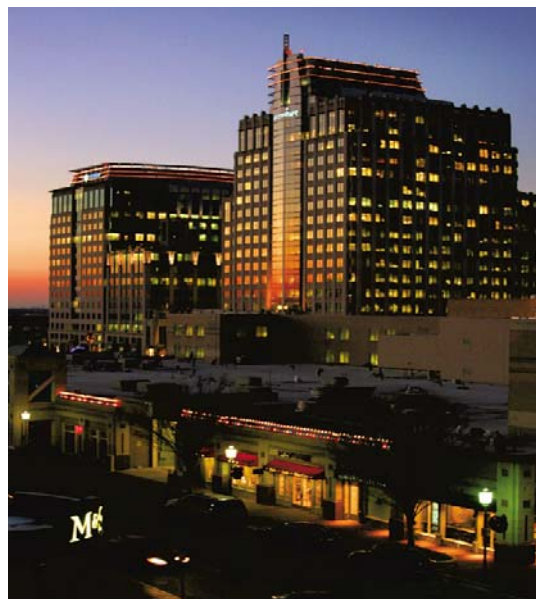

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Of Human Bonding

Condo dwellers find cool ways to connect with the neighbors

Tatyana Schum was single, 30, and looking for new friends. So she decided to take action. No, she didn't sign up for "speed friending," hit MySpace or join a book club. Instead, she organized a condo crawl through her Park Fairfax neighborhood near Shirlington. Now, a couple of times a year, Schum and her fellow Alexandrians spend an hour socializing at one condo owner's house, sharing everything from gardening tips to decorating ideas. They then move on to a kind of roving party at several other neighbors' condos that continues until late in the evening.

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Midtown Lofts at Reston Town Center boasts a shared art room where residents can paint, sculpt and be otherwise creative.

"I wanted to meet people," she said. "It seemed that there were so many young, single people in my neighborhood. And they were right there. But I didn't want to exclude anyone. It seemed natural to have the whole community involved."

Schum's desire to meet her neighbors is not surprising. In a metro area where 10-hour-plus workdays are the norm and many people come from somewhere other than here, it's difficult to find the time or the means to develop friendships. "There are a lot of people out there who are staying single longer and not having kids until later," said Tony Longo of condodomain.com, an Internet marketing company that serves the real-estate industry. "That doesn't mean they want to be alone. Think about it — [in a condo] you have 500 neighbors that are less than 50 yards from you."

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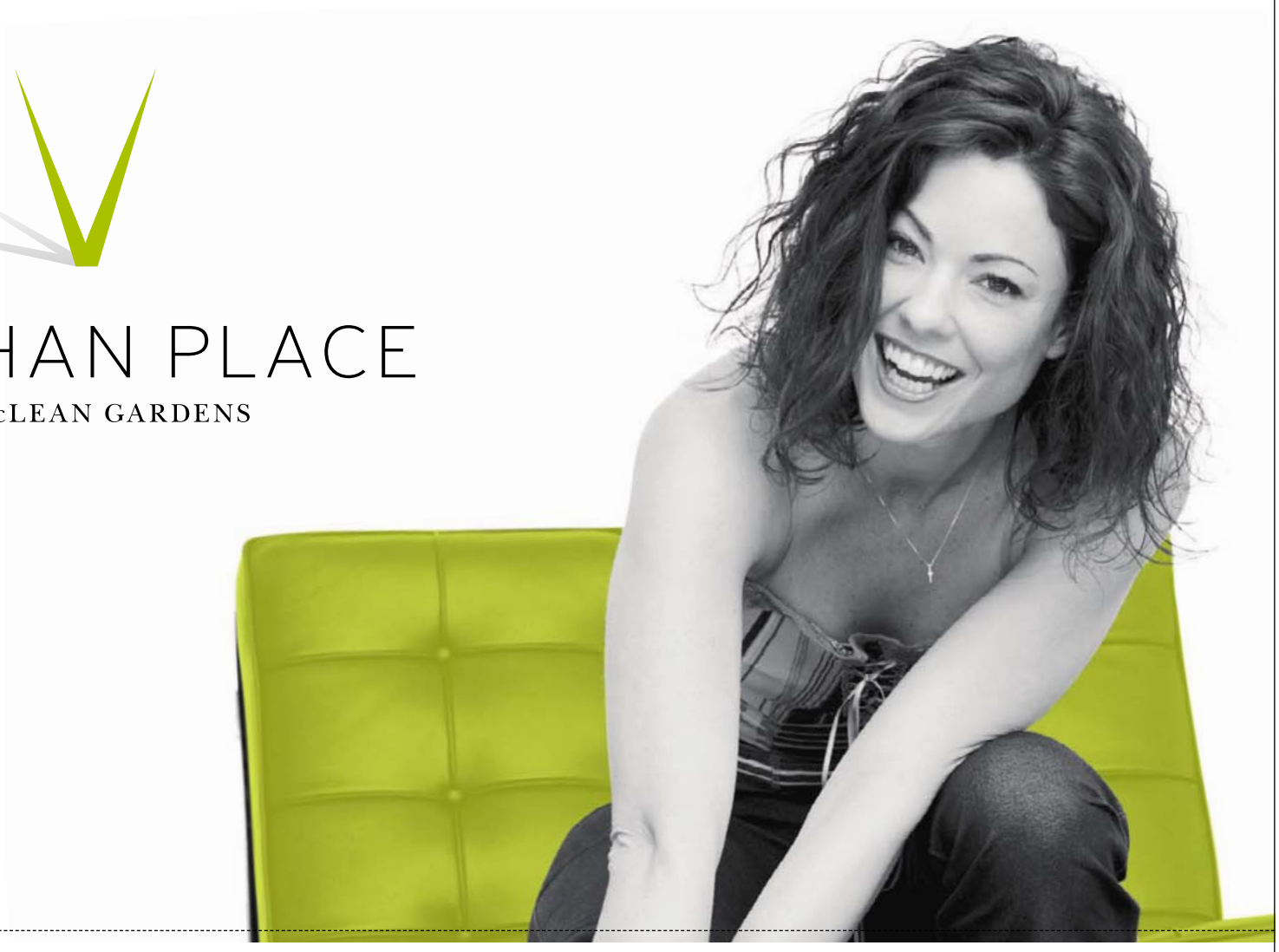

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and town house communities with everything from mini-marts and dry cleaners to tennis courts and swimming pools. Now, in addition to creating self-contained, luxe buildings, developers are intentionally including features that encourage neighbors to get together in social settings.

But these efforts go way beyond installing typical community rooms. For example, Level 2 Development's View 14 condos at 14th Street Northwest will provide access to both heaven and Earth. Well, perhaps not literally — but when the 170-unit U Street corridor property delivers in 2008, it will boast a rooftop observation deck and a Zen garden.

Said David Franco, principal at Level 2 Development, "Residents can gather together on the rooftop to enjoy sunsets." And like any shared space, the über-deck may help neighbors connect. "Anyplace that gets people relaxed will foster conversation and put them in the frame of mind to get to know one another," said Franco.

LEVEL 2 DEVELOPMENT

SERENITY, LATER: When buyers move into View 14 in 2008, they'll enjoy a stylish (and possibly sociable) rooftop Zen garden.

Midtown Lofts at Reston Town Center features a studio workroom to encourage residents to pursue arts and crafts in the company of their neighbors. Think of it as summer camp for grown-ups, with all the attendant bonding possibilities. "It is not just for art, but [also] for woodworking and other projects," said Jamie Gorski, chief marketing officer for KSI Services Inc. "Residents will meet others with similar interests, and that will likely lead to friendships."

At the Colonnade at Kentlands in Gaithersburg, condo owners can meet at Max's Pub, a hangout with a funky concrete floor and an industrial look. Despite the decor, it's still a bar, with typical after-5 p.m. activities. Diversions include foosball and pool tables, TVs (often turned to sporting events) and a wine-tasting room with a double-sided fireplace. Just outside the door, there's even a more typical condo perk: a courtyard pool.

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Developers realize that these types of spaces amount to more than mere rooms. "We have a sense that we are creating communities. We're not just building buildings," Franco said. "It's more than giving everyone a door and a key."

At the same time, their motives aren't purely altruistic. "People look at these amenities before they purchase," Franco said. "We're trying to give people what they want."

"There's a product for everyone out there today," said Longo. "Just three or four years ago, the buildings were all the same. They offered the same amenities and the same look and feel. Today, each one being developed is unique, from the location, to the look and feel. The people that are living there almost make the building."

But developers aren't the only ones who want to foster a sense of community. Condo dwellers do, too.

At Williamsburg Condominiums in Arlington, the condo association coordinates an annual charity drive during the winter holidays, adopting a needy family through Arlington County. The association manages the logistics and the residents donate cash or other items. Association Manager Suzanne Till said the activity helps bring residents closer because they connect while working together to help others.

"It's giving back," she said. "It makes this more of a community."

Most condo associations throw a holiday party in the community room, or perhaps kick off the summer with a pool party. But in many cases, association-led social events are disappearing as residents choose to gather according to their own schedules and interests. Among the popular ways to get together: book groups, progressive-dinner clubs and even exercise classes.

"In urban settings, most of the people are so busy [they] don't have time to think about or enjoy a community event," said Longo. "They're coming home after a long day. They want to get together when it's good for them."

That's true at Williamsburg Condominiums, where the residents initiated their own yoga classes.

"The residents spearheaded the class," said Till. "This is what they wanted and it fits their schedule, so they organized it, and now a dozen neighbors get together every week for yoga."

No matter who or what brings them together — developers, associations or other residents — condo owners seem to like getting to know their neighbors. The condo crawl that Schum created at Park Fairfax in 2003 started with about 60 residents. It has more than doubled to include 140 people, and it's held twice a year due to its popularity.

Did it produce the results she wanted? You bet. Schum recently vacationed with a new friend whom she met during a condo crawl. "I think, especially when I became a homeowner, I needed a sense of community. But there wasn't one," she said. "I kept seeing people every day but I didn't know them at all. Now, some of my very best friends are my neighbors." LYNN THORNE

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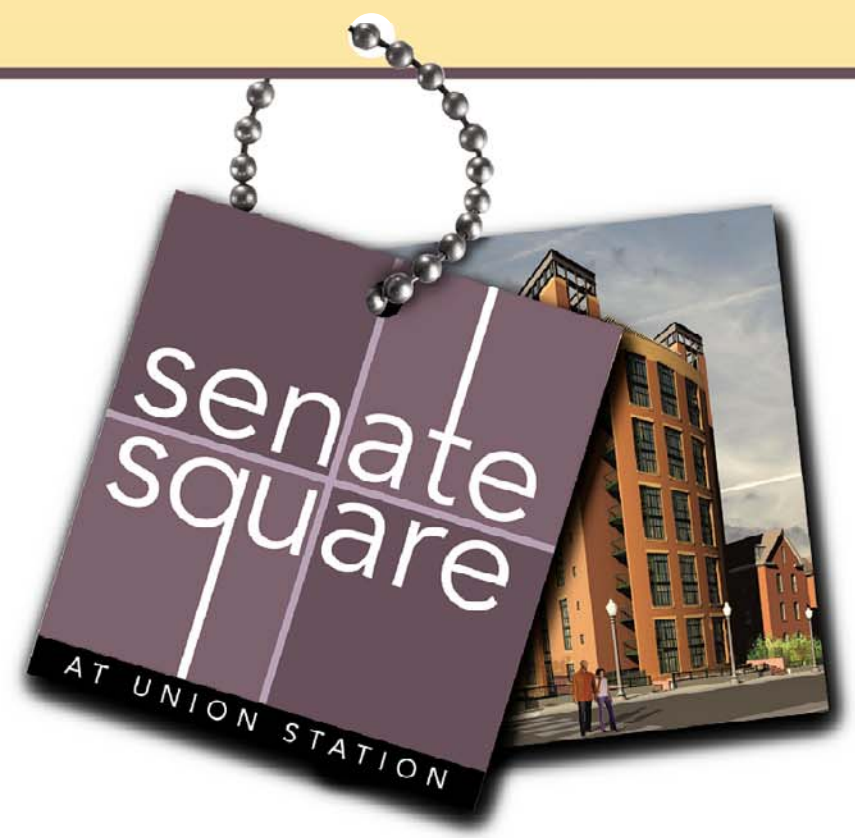

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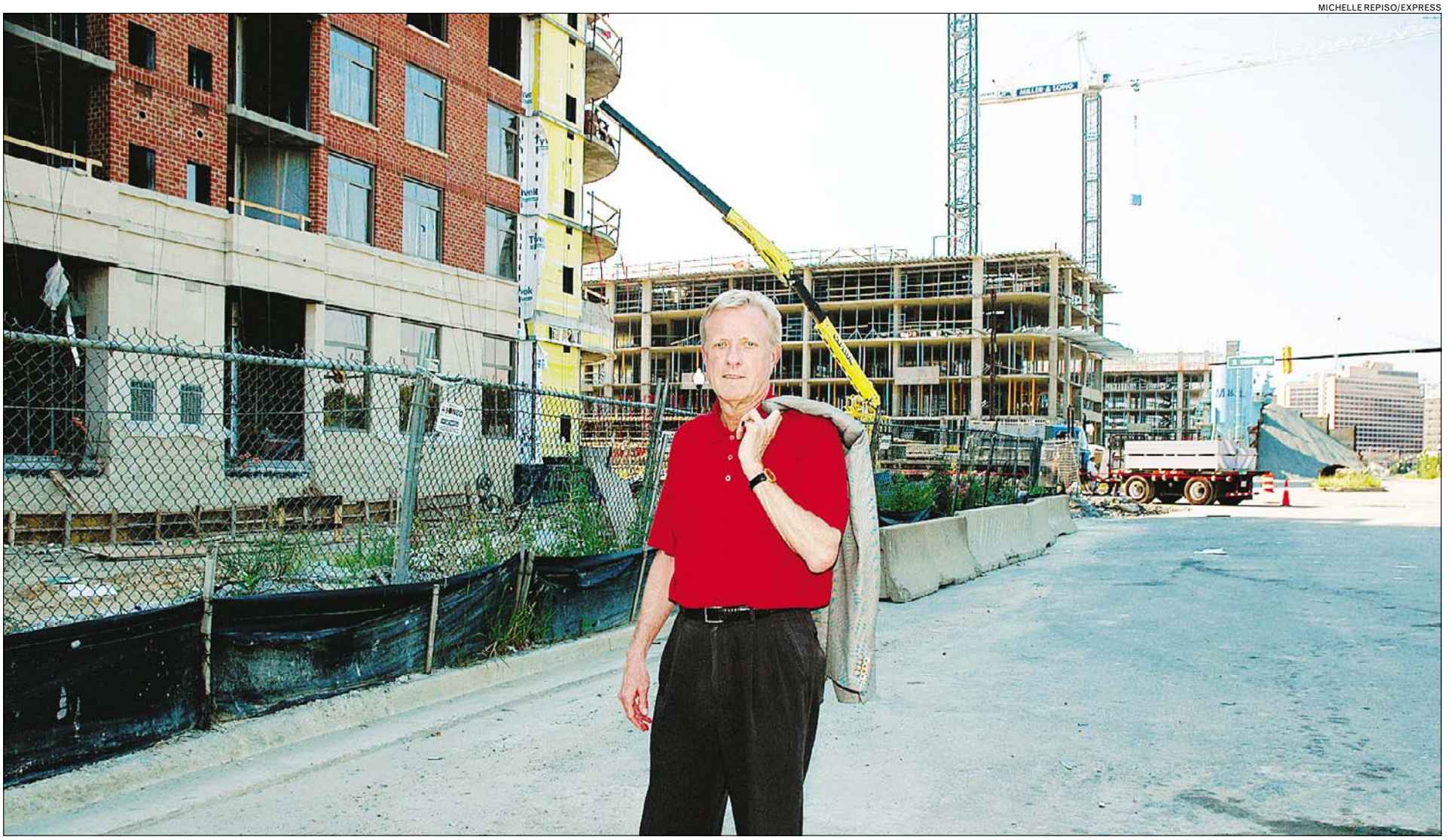

CONVENIENCE STORY: Unable to give up the benefits of living close-in, longtime Crystal City dweller Jerry Norris recently bought a two-bedroom condominium at the Eclipse on Center Park, which delivers this fall.

A Tale of Two Cities

Pentagon City and Crystal City morph into condo hot spots

For years, the neighboring communities of Crystal City and Pentagon City were justifiably derided as a zone of concrete office compounds. Condo buyers usually overlooked them in favor of areas with more pizzazz. Think: Logan Circle, Clarendon, Bethesda.

But, quietly, over the past few years, these neighborhoods near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport have experienced a rebirth, the sort of urban renaissance that's drawing buyers to other areas of Arlington. In fact, Northern Virginia's twin cities may just be the best-kept secret in today's condo market.

But what's finally encouraging people to buy here? First, the neighborhoods arguably boast the best transportation and transit in the D.C. region. This means stops on Metro's Blue and Yellow lines in both Crystal City and Pentagon City plus a Virginia Railway Express station. Reagan National Airport itself is within walking distance of most of Crystal City. There's also fast access to interstates — and a direct connection to the Mount Vernon Trail.

Second, the area has recently gotten what amount to two new town squares. A pair of retail, restaurant and office complexes, Pentagon Row and Crystal Drive now allow residents to work, dine and shop without getting into their cars.

> "I was not going to move to a location that would mean commuting."
>
> JERRY NORRIS
> CRYSTAL CITY CONDO BUYER

To be sure, you'll find fewer condos in Crystal City and Pentagon City than in the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor, especially fewer new construction projects. But the apartments on the market can be good values, according to realtors, residents, developers and Arlington County officials.

Pentagon City and Crystal City also seem to be on the verge of a major transformation. Over the past few years, the high-rise hotels and office parks that have made Crystal City a business destination have gained new neighbors like open-air cafes, award-winning restaurants and many, many shops. Such buzzy spots within walking distance of each other add up to a live-work-play neighborhood.

Hot 'Hood

"Not many neighborhoods can check all the boxes that Crystal City/Pentagon City [can]," said Mara Olguin, the marketing vice president for Charles E. Smith Commercial Realty, which owns 7.4 million of the 11 million square feet of office space in Crystal City. Her company is responsible for much of the area's new vibe, having brought in ventures like the haute Mexican restaurant Oyamel and PBS.

Retail-mad Pentagon Row has also invigorated Pentagon City. A sort of modern village green (sans grass), the complex includes an outdoor ice skating rink (in colder months), spas, restaurants and lots of shops.

The Row's retail detail ranges from indie faves like designer-jeans peddler Denim Bar and crafts boutique As Kindred Spirits to chains like Sur La Table and World Market. All are located on or near a courtyard with benches and surrounding sidewalk cafes, which serves as a gathering spot for residents of the thousands of apartments and condos within strolling distance.

Tony Iallonardo nabbed a condo at Pentagon City's Cavendish development about a year and a half ago, during the real estate go-go period. "I was part of that hysteria. It was a game of musical chairs, and I didn't want to be left without a chair," said the 37-year-old Iallonardo, a public relations executive at a D.C. environmental organization.

Iallonardo home-hunted in many of Arlington's hottest 'hoods, including Rosslyn, where he had been renting an apartment. Dissatisfied with the "war zone" of construction and noise in Rosslyn, Iallonardo chose a $250,000 one-bedroom in more tranquil Arlington Ridge — a few minutes' walk from Pentagon Row.

Ultimately, Pentagon City's layout impressed him the most. "The growth that has happened in the Pentagon City/Crystal area has been smarter than the growth that has happened just outside," Iallonardo said. He was particularly pleased with the area's pedestrian-friendly walkways and lack of gridlock.

The Arlington Ridge subset of Pentagon City holds a number of older condominiums, including Horizon House, The Representative and The Ridge House. Iallonardo's building is nearly 50 years old. Because his particular unit had not been refurbished in 20 or 30 years, he did have to spend about $15,000 for new floors and kitchen and bathroom renovations.

But he considers the extra effort a bargain for the location. "In my mind, Pentagon Row is sort of my patio — the one that I wish I could afford," Iallonardo said. "The prime factor for me, living in Arlington in general, is the ease with which I can get into the city for work and get out of the city. In addition, [I like having] the ability to own a car and know that I won't have to pay an exorbitant amount to park it."

Iallonardo's walk to the Pentagon City Metro station takes less than 10 minutes. Most of his trek goes through the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, a shopping mall attached to the Metro. Anchored by Nordstrom and Macy's, the mall is another draw for many residents and visitors.

Some Realtors say the demand for lower-priced condos like Iallonardo's will grow, especially as suburban baby boomers retire and downsize their homes.

Aaron Seekford, a native of Pentagon City and Realtor, said, "When I deal with a typical buyer, yes, everybody likes new, but when you start looking at the [larger] square footage [in Pentagon City], sometimes you start looking at that and say, well ... I can update the kitchen."

Seekford said his clients also seem concerned about investing in new construction at the peak of the condo-buying wave and wonder if the new units they see in Ballston and Rosslyn are priced fairly. In Pentagon City or Crystal City, "you're definitely going to get more for your money, but you're going to have to put up with remodeling to come out a little bit ahead," said Seekford, who goes by the moniker "Mr. Arlington" at his father's Arlington Realty brokerage.

There are a few new condos in the Crystal City/Pentagon City market. The Grove at Arlington Square, off I-395 at Glebe Road, was converted into a condo building earlier this year after initially opening as a rental property in 2003. There is free bus service from the property to the Pentagon City Metro stop. More than 150 units are still for sale, with one bedrooms starting at $324,900 and two bedrooms from $396,900. Marianna Klaiman, spokesperson for The Grove's developer, Athena Group, said the company invested in the 190-unit property because it was the most public-transit accessible out of all the communities along the I-395 corridor inside the Beltway.

The 465-unit Eclipse on Center Park, which offers wraparound views of downtown Washington monuments and the Potomac River, delivers this fall. Fifty-five units remain at the property, situated between the new Crystal City Streetscape development and Reagan National Airport.

Adjacent to the busy Potomac Yard retail center, Eclipse sits on top of a Harris Teeter supermarket. Proximity to flights — and fresh vegetables — might explain how briskly units here are being snapped up: Sales have averaged more than 25 units a month since May 2005. Remaining units are priced from the low $400s to more than $1 million.

Jerry Norris, a longtime occupant of Crystal City's Buchanan apartment building, just purchased one of the units at The Eclipse. His condo is minutes up the road from the new development.

After retiring from the Navy in 1992, Norris moved to the area to start a Crystal City-based defense contracting firm. By the time he felt established enough to buy a home, he was not thrilled with the selections in the neighborhood's older condos. The big ones — Bella Vista, Waterford House and Crystal Park — had all gone up in the 1980s. The Eclipse's delivery schedule was ideal for him. He signed a contract for a two bedroom in the mid $700s last Christmas.

"I was not going to move away to a location that would mean commuting. I didn't desire to change the lifestyle that I had grown to thoroughly enjoy," said Norris.

Another reason he bought was that he sensed a revolution coming.

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Urban Sound Garden

Pentagon City hosts flamenco, jazz and other tuneful acts

Though it doesn't boast a live music scene as diverse as in the District, where classical music fills the Kennedy Center and indie bands rock out at the Black Cat Club, Crystal City does groove with live music.

■ Pentagon Row's new tapas restaurant, Tapeo, holds Spanish flamenco performances Saturday evenings in its breezy outdoor cafe during warmer months. Expect traditional Andalucian-style drummers, twirling, castanet-snapping dancers and passionate guitar stylists. 1301 S. Joyce St.; 703-416-6431; tapeovirginia.com.

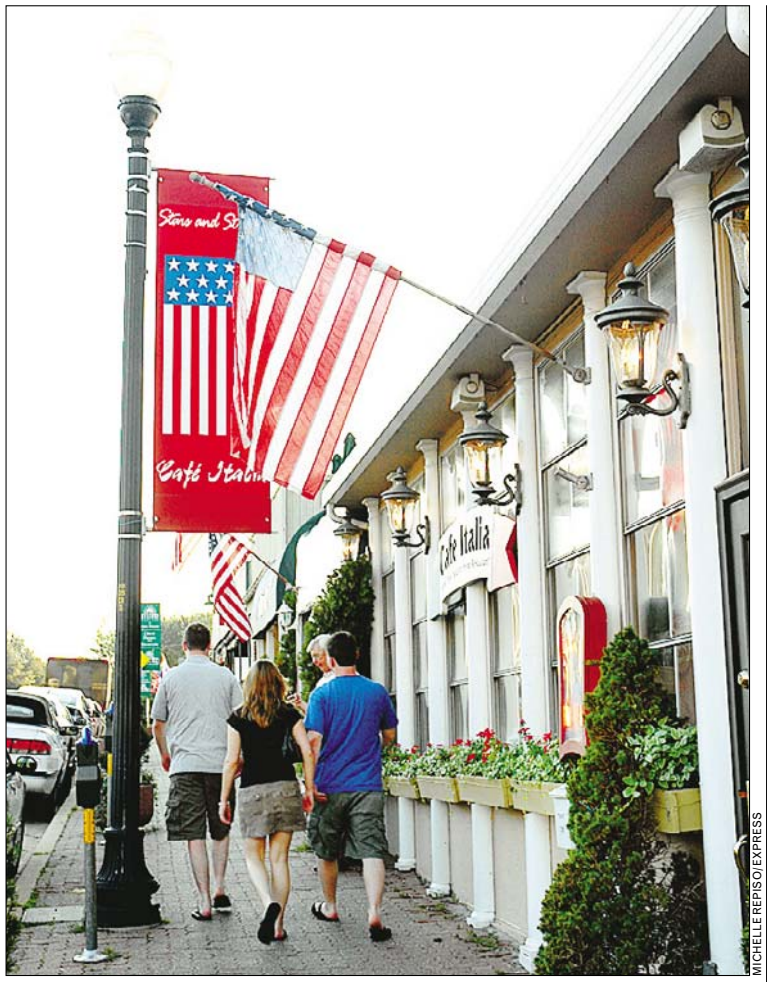
TAPEO

IT'S A SNAP: Flamenco dancers and musicians entertain Saturday evenings at Tapeo, a newish Spanish tapas restaurant on the main plaza at Pentagon Row.

■ The popular annual summer concert series Rock at the Row features live bands Thursdays at 7 p.m. June through August. Families and singles gather around the Pentagon Row fountain or at canopied outdoor cafes to hear acts ranging from swing bands to Delta blues guitarists. On Aug. 3, the Reflex, a Duran Duran cover band, reruns through "Hungry Like the Wolf," "Girls on Film" and other 1980s hits. Army Navy Drive and South Joyce Street; 703-413-6692; pentagonrow.com.

■ Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m., Pentagon Row sushi haunt Asia Bistro hosts live acoustic guitarists in a serene space decorated with lanterns and bonsai trees. 703-413-2002

■ Jaleo's bustling bar and are-we-in-Barcelona-chic restaurant gets even livelier on weekend nights. On Fridays, Gipsy Kings-esque guitar players trade hot licks at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. On Saturdays, Seville-style flamenco dancers tap and spin through the richly decorated tapas temple at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Show up early to grab a seat; these events are popular. 2250 A Crystal Drive; (703) 413-8181; jaleo.com. A.S.



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Since the early 1990s, there has been an exodus of federal agencies from the area. The community's trademark high-rise office buildings have many vacancies. Future vacancies of 2.4 million square feet are expected as a result of the military's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

Norris and many in the community see the losses as a great opportunity. As a member of the BRAC Transition Task Force and the new Crystal City Planning Task Force, he is helping Arlington County determine how to fill the voids and continue to revitalize Crystal City. There has been talk of using the empty spaces for new condo units, entertainment venues and even a conference center.

Charles E. Smith Commercial Realty has filed a site plan with the county to convert Crystal Plaza 2, along the Crystal City Streetscape, into a 256-unit residential tower. Under this proposal, Crystal Plaza 2 would be gutted and converted from a 13-story office building into a 19-story residence with mod architectural flourishes. The company has not decided whether the building will hold rental apartments or condominiums; completion is expected in spring 2008.

One more driver of change may be the reconstruction of some of Crystal City's aging office buildings, some of which are more than 20 years old. A few buildings may be demolished and replaced with new complexes. Others may be renovated. No decisions have been made yet.

The transformation will be gradual and take many years. Crystal City will not be leveled — nor will it ever resemble a ghost town during the process, said planners. Over the next nine months, a Crystal City redevelopment blueprint will take shape, offering answers to the questions left by BRAC and the worn buildings.

While this reshuffling may alter the area's framework, Norris does not expect any significant changes will come to Crystal City's 23rd Street dining mecca, which locals know as Restaurant Row. "The county is very concerned about how the BRAC will affect the small businesses in Crystal City," he said.

Arlington County has just approved the Crystal City Business Improvement District to permit property owners, business owners and residents to spruce up and market the area, including the 23rd Street restaurants, which include down-home spots like Freddie's Beach Bar and Cafe Italia.

For now, Norris is enjoying Crystal City's renaissance. Last month, he attended Crystal City Rocks, a block party headlined by pop artists Vertical Horizon. Families feasted on fare from local restaurants, which included steak on a bun grilled by Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and a traditional Spanish paella stirred up by the chefs of popular tapas restaurant Jaleo.

Despite the expanding dining, shopping and living options, there are still naysayers who insist that Crystal City and Pentagon City lack soul. For culture and entertainment, many residents and visitors zip away to D.C.'s museums and theaters or to Clarendon's hip restaurants and clubs.

"This area is dramatically missing nightlife," said Seekford. "It's missing a place where they might have live jazz, where you can go out and have a good time." He sees a chance for entrepreneurs to bring in after-hours spots and music venues.

Officials at Arlington Economic Development, a division of the County, said Crystal City's history proves that innovation is possible. Karen Vasquez, public relations manager for AED, explained that when the community was first developed in the late 1960s, at the same time as Rosslyn, the trend in urban design was to build retail and restaurants below ground.

The idea was "to put things underground, to get them off of the streets, out of the environment," she said, adding that the concept coincided with fears about the neighborhood's safety and pollution.

But when the Army and U.S. Patent and Trademark Office left their Crystal City buildings a few years ago, developers saw the chance to mimic the success of the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor's mixed-use developments. Real estate companies began putting office space and shops on the ground level of buildings and dwellings above — à la Pentagon Row and its upstairs neighbors, the Post Pentagon Row apartments.

Now, the fad is green design, aimed at creating places that minimize environmental impact and reconnect people with the outdoor neighborhood.

Vasquez said, "It is part of that whole 'new urbanism' trend to have walkable communities, instead of driving from shopping mall to shop-

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Loads of Bliss Outings

Area's many spas do facials, massages and other treatments

There are so many day spas in the Crystal City and Pentagon City area, you can almost hear the "ahhs" as you stroll through Pentagon Row and the adjacent Fashion Centre at Pentagon City.

Massage, facial and foot-and-hand pampering specialists at Pentagon Row range from a plush Elizabeth Arden Red Door spa (1101 S. Joyce St., Ste B-36; 703-373-5888) with hers or his services like reflexology foot treatments and cream-and-sugar body scrub, to a Jouvence Aveda salon (101 South Joyce St., B10; 703-413-4100) where sweet-smelling oils, lotions and potions star in escapes like aromatic pedicures and hot stone massage.

Natural decor (bamboo, flowers) mingles with cool hues at the Modern Day Spa.

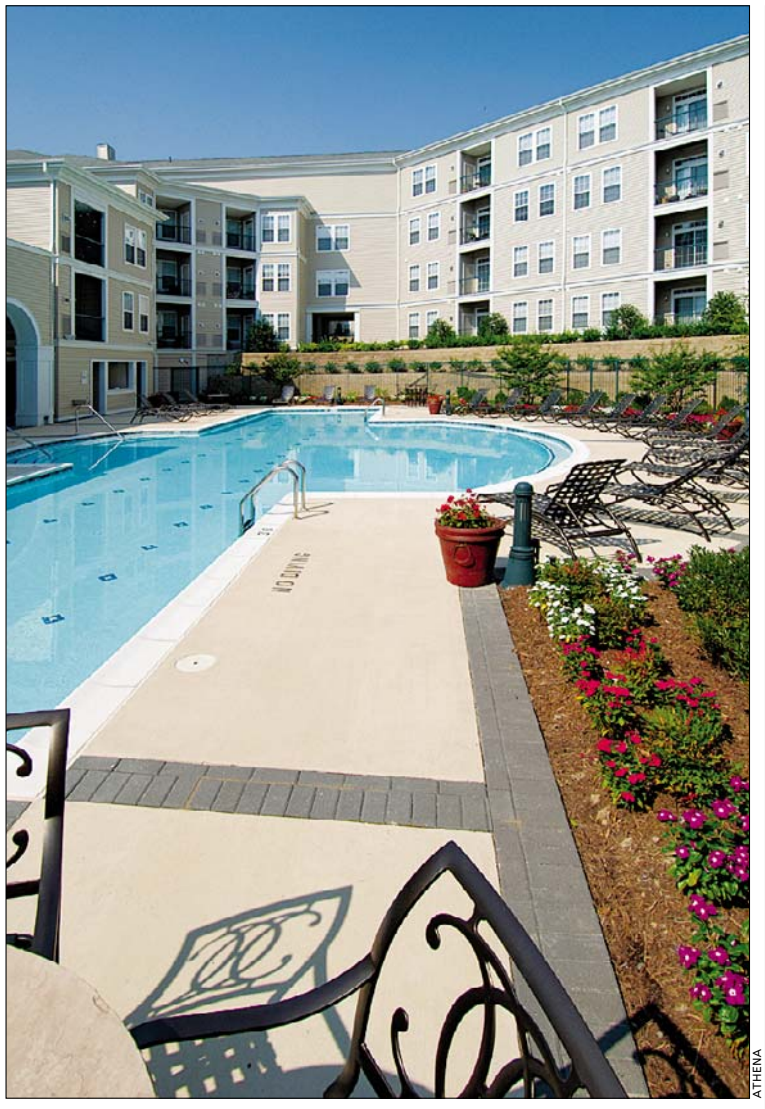
At the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, spa junkies can relax à deux at the Modern Day Spa (703-418-4440; modernco.net), which boasts one of the area's only two-person massage rooms for couples rubdowns. The decor: soothing blues, greens and taupes.

At the Fashion Centre's popular Salon Cielo & Spa (703-415-0406; saloncielo.com), serene soundtracks play in warmly decorated rooms where aestheticians perform back-smoothing "facials" and Swedish massages. Also available: haircuts, pedicures and other interesting treatments.

A Reveal MedSpa, with its let's-stay-young line of treatments from Botox to peels, is scheduled to open in the area in early August.

Modern Day Spa regional director Debbe Evans, who is also a certified massage therapist, senses why there might be a disproportionately large number of spas in the neighborhood.

"Having been a former Crystal City employee, I know there's a lot of stress in this area. There are many powerful people — between military and civil service members and high-stress private-sector individuals," she said. "A day spa provides a welcome retreat from the stresses of the nation's capital." A.S.



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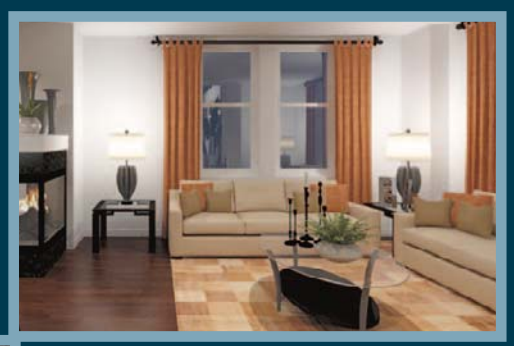

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An indie retailer at Pentagon Row, Denim Bar serves local designer-jeans junkies.

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ping mall to strip mall. The idea is to park your car and take Metro."

Going forward, the Crystal City Planning Task Force will look at how to fit in more residential units — and fun — through physical redevelopment. "You want to get people not only working there, but [also] living there," Vasquez said.

Seekford's colleagues at Arlington Realty say there is already a market out there for more Crystal City/Pentagon City condos.

"Rents are so high at local apartments that we have people every weekend coming out to look for condos," said Realtor Will Wheeler, who was born and bred in Pentagon City.

The community's graying condos are not attractive to these buyers, he said. "If you go, you can just smell it's an older building," Wheeler said.

He thinks the community needs a new boom of young residents within walking distance of the budding metropolis, if companies like Charles E. Smith Commercial Realty want to replicate the triumphs of other successful "urban villages" like Clarendon or Silver Spring.

The only land left for development in Pentagon City is a stretch of ground near Pentagon Row, across the street from the Costco on 15th Street. Residential developer KSI intends to build up to 3,200 apartments on the parcel.

"That's the last available area [in Pentagon City]. There is no more land in Crystal City. The future, in Crystal City, is buildings that are outdated are going to be dropped, literally, to the ground," Wheeler said.

While no one knows what will happen, locals expect good things. "Crystal City was an early prominent commercial development in Arlington. By the time everything else had exploded, it had become outdated and is now in the process of updating," Wheeler said. "The success is inevitable, given its one-of-a-kind access to air, rail, the Bush twins and other great Washington attractions."

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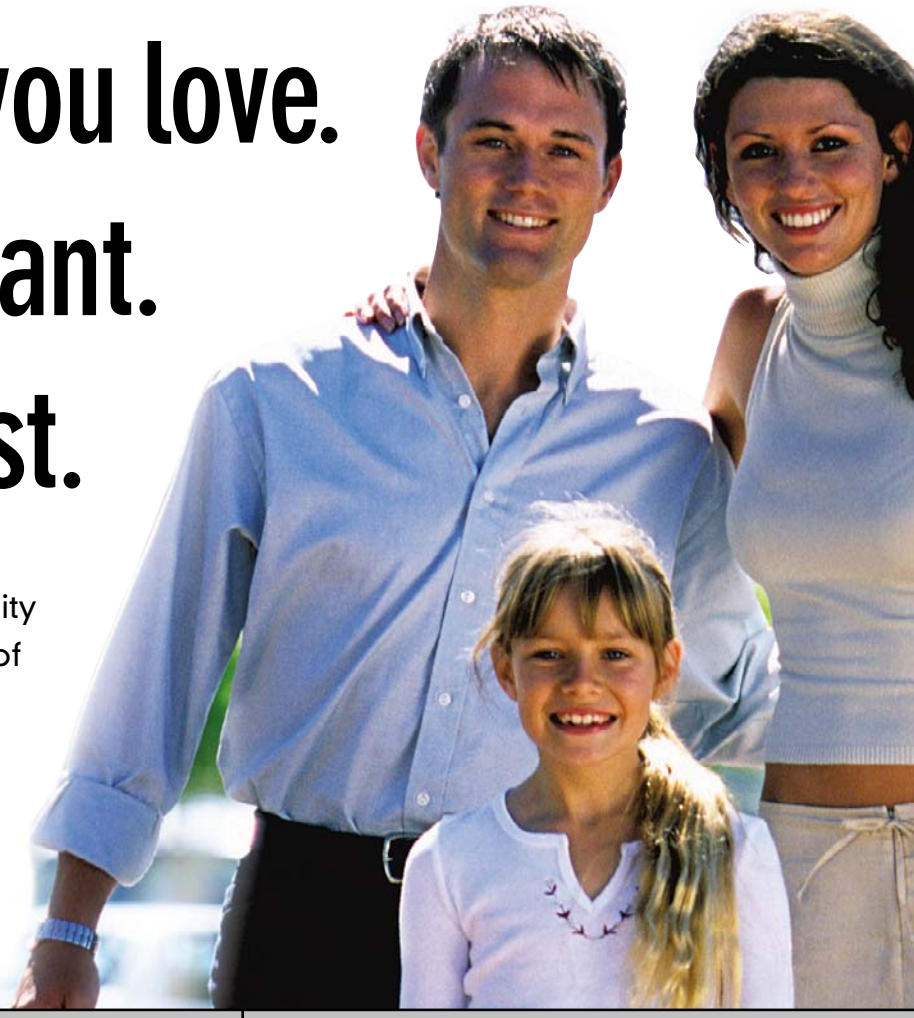

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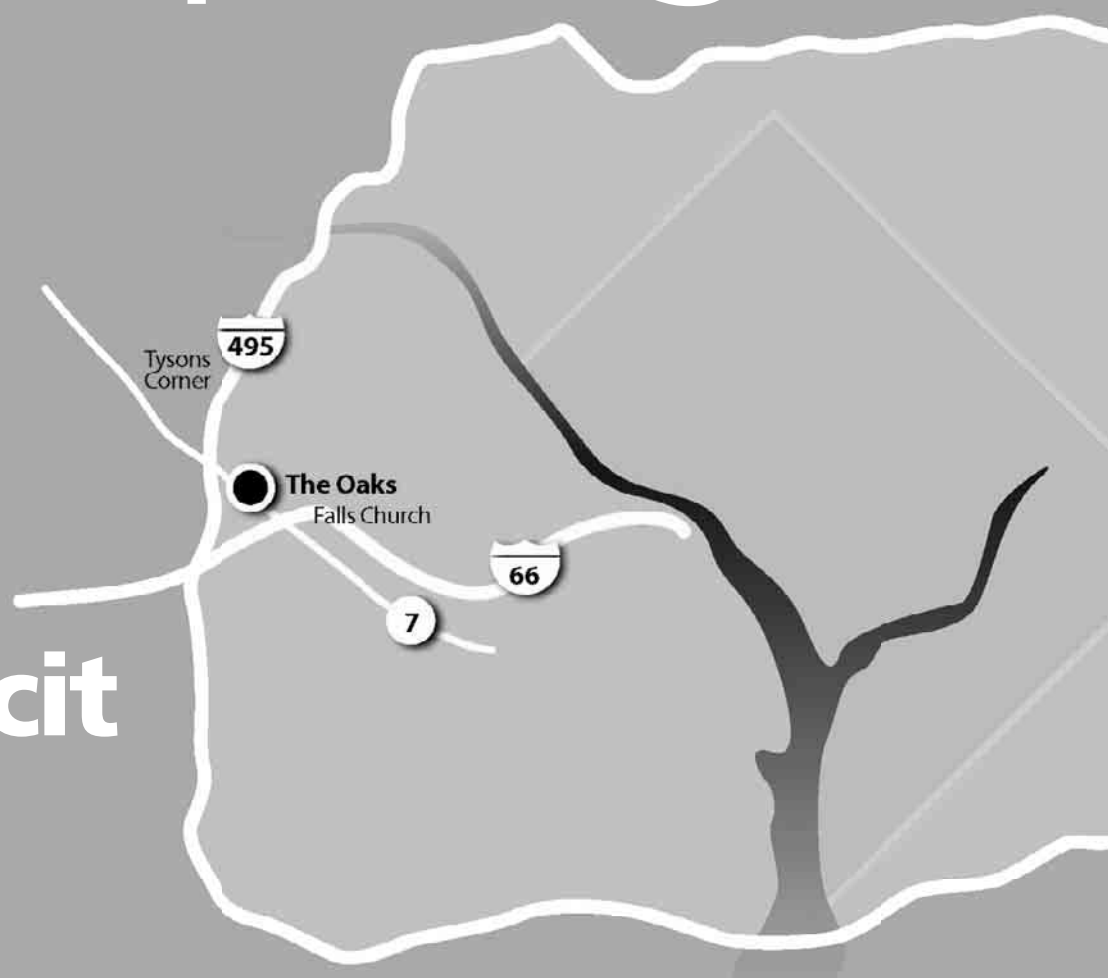

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Ben and Julie Feldman in the apartment they reccently began renting in Dupont.

A Renters' Checkup

Pondering merits of buying or leasing after the real estate boom

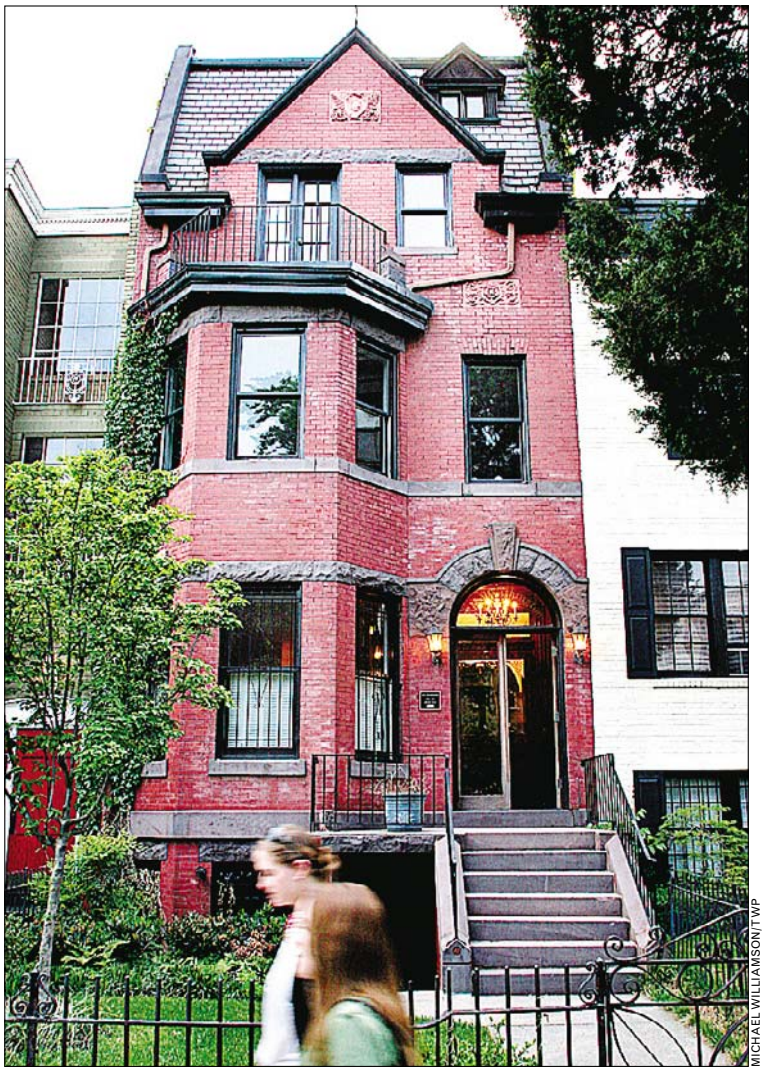
Jim Sweeney, a computer database administrator and self-proclaimed "numbers guy," watched the value of his Arlington condo double in three years and cashed in and went back to renting.

Around the same time last year, Karen Martin, a scientist, was doing her own math in a two-bedroom apartment in Mitchellville and came to the opposite conclusion: It was time to buy. In February, she bought a town house in District Heights.

As the housing boom cools, tenants and homeowners across the region are crunching the numbers and facing confusing questions: Will home prices go down? Will rents go up? Is it better to buy or wait?

There is no simple answer, because whether it's better to pay the landlord or the bank depends on individual finances and lifestyle desires. But one thing is clear: After five years of double-digit growth in home values, paying rent has become an increasingly attractive alternative to homeownership in many parts of the country, challenging notions that to rent is to throw money away and to buy is to build for the future.

In San Francisco, Honolulu and New York, the cost of owning now outweighs renting, according to an analysis by Michael Sklarz, head of analytics at Fidelity



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The Feldmans' pad is in this building. They just sold a condo in favor of renting.

National Information Services. Homeowners in Houston and Phoenix still fare better than renters, while Washington, Seattle and Los Angeles are right on the cusp.

In the Washington region in 2000, the owner of a home that cost the median $161,400 paid $816 a month, Sklarz found. That home would have cost $1,344 a month to rent, or 65 percent more.

As prices soared, that gap narrowed. By 2005, the owner of a home that cost the median $412,600 paid $1,720 a month; the renter paid $1,899, or 10 percent more, according to data Sklarz analyzed for The Washington Post. Generally, economists expect gains in home values to peter out and rents to tick up.

Sklarz's calculations assume the homeowner took out a traditional 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with a 20 percent down payment, paid annual property taxes of 1 percent of the total value of the home and takes a mortgage-interest tax deduction equal to 25 percent of the payment. To calculate rents, Sklarz used apartment rental figures tracked by the Housing and Urban Development Department, and estimated that single-family houses would fetch 60 percent more.

While the buy-to-rent ratio has narrowed in recent years, Sklarz said the numbers are still in line with previous market highs; despite a record five-year boom in prices, low interest rates have kept monthly mortgage payments down.

Of course, he said, his scenarios are based on the median home price. That means that plenty of other houses cost a lot more, and many buyers put down less than 20 percent, which means their monthly payments are higher.

To many local tenants and homeowners, the housing market already seems out of whack.

Ben and Julie Feldman were on their honeymoon last year when the next real estate move became clear to them. "I said, 'You know, the market is peaking as we sit here,' " Ben

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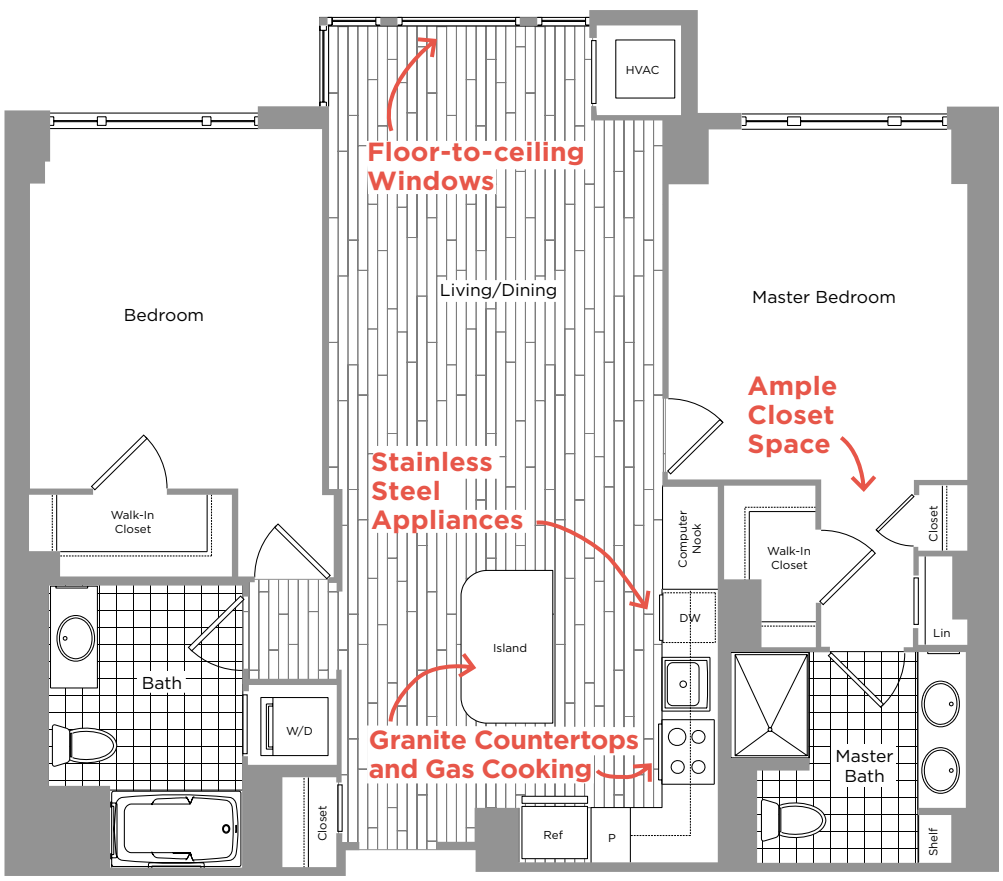

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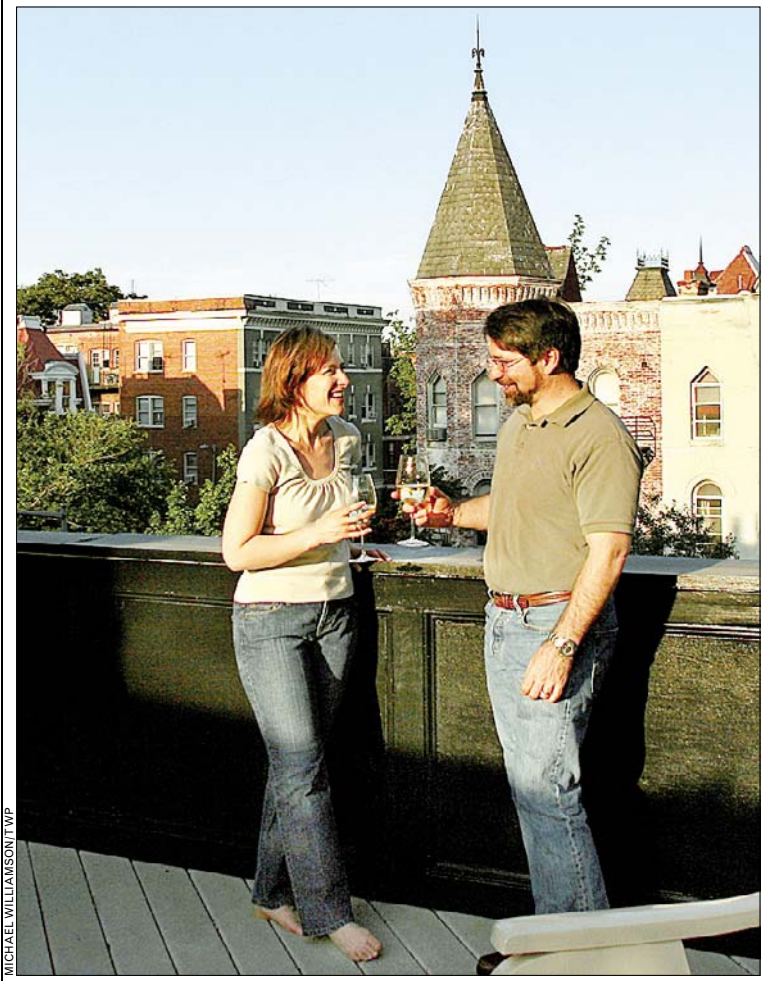

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Ben and Julie Feldman toast their real-estate savvy on their rental's private deck.

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Feldman recalled telling his wife. "We gotta get home and sell." And so they sold, at a 150 percent profit, and began renting in October.

Their thinking went like this: The condo they owned in Dupont Circle would have rented for $2,000 a month. But to own it, a buyer would need to pay about $3,000 to service the mortgage. "It's totally disconnected," said Feldman, 40, managing director of Natsource LLC in the District. "It just seemed unsustainable."

The Feldmans wanted to move to a larger space, but rather than buy, they chose to rent. Buying did not seem smart in an uncertain market.

They now pay their landlord $3,000 a month for a 1,400 square-foot condo, also in Dupont Circle, with a rooftop deck. By Ben Feldman's calculation, if they were to buy it with no money down, they would be paying $1,000 more a month.

Sweeney, 35, said he realized at the height of the market frenzy last summer that the numbers were no longer adding up for him.

When he decided to buy his two-bedroom condo in Falls Church in 2002, Sweeney estimated that he could, if he wanted, rent it out for about $1,200 a month, or about 1 percent of the $125,000 purchase price. That was reasonable, Sweeney thought, an indication of a market in the balance. But home prices kept going up. And up.

"The discrepancy between ownership and rent went bonkers," he said. "I realized I could move out and take the cash and invest it."

So, in June, Sweeney cashed in. He sold his place in three days, for $280,000. "I just said: 'This is weird. Things just don't go up 100 percent,' " he recalled.

For Martin, 36, the tipping point came last fall after the landlord of her gated high-rise apartment building in Mitchellville told her that the rent would be going up again. That meant Martin, who wanted to switch to a month-to-month lease, would have to pay $250 more, or $1,640 a month.

"The rent was getting so much more expensive," she said. "It just wasn't a good trade-off anymore."

So, she bought a town house for $282,000. Her monthly mortgage payment is about $1,800.

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Ben and Julie Feldman estimate they save $1,000 a month by renting their place.

Both Martin and Sweeney believe they made the right choice.

Sweeney has taken his winnings and invested. He is now paying $2,000 a month for a two-bedroom, two-bath rental unit in the District.

Martin, on the other hand, said the $160 extra she is paying every month is well worth it. Her townhouse has 600 square feet more of living space than her apartment did, as well as a small backyard. She has taken up gardening.

For both, calculations went beyond the financial. Renting, Sweeney said, has its pluses, such as not having to worry about fixing a broken appliance himself.

For Martin, owning her own place has brought benefits —for one, the freedom to decorate as she chooses. "I don't have to have white walls. You can paint everything," she said. "Every day I go home, I think: 'All this is mine. I can decide what I want to change next.' "

Martin now attends homeowners meetings to learn what is going on in her neighborhood and find out when local government meetings are scheduled. "You start to care because you are part of the community," she said.

It was the intangible that led Cheryl Skrzat, 28, to decide to plunge into homeownership. She and her boyfriend, Justin Anderson, are both renting now — she a District apartment, he in an Arlington house. They pay a combined rent of about $1,700 a month. The couple had discussed getting married and buying a house, but urgent choices had to be made when Anderson received a notice in March to vacate the house. It had been sold to a developer.

Over the next week, the two discussed how they felt about living together before marriage and how they would handle lifestyle changes that would come with becoming homeowners, said Skrzat, who reached out to homeowning friends for advice.

"My biggest question was whether it was a nice feeling or if it was a pain in the neck," said Skrzat, an editor for a health-care publication. Her friends told her it was worth it. So, now they're looking seriously for a house in Fairfax County.

Because of the slowing market, the couple decided they want a place

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> KAREN MARTIN
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they could stay in for up to 10 years, even if it means their mortgage payment would be double what they are paying in rent. That way, they figured, even if the value of the home dipped a little, it should come back up in time for them to sell.

Skrzat said she had a wave of panic after meeting with the loan officer. Would they be house-poor as newlyweds? Would there be any money left for vacations?

But in the end, Skrzat said, they wanted to start their lives together in a new place that they could call their own. "It felt right for us," she said. TOMOEH MURAKAMI TSE (WASHINGTON POST)

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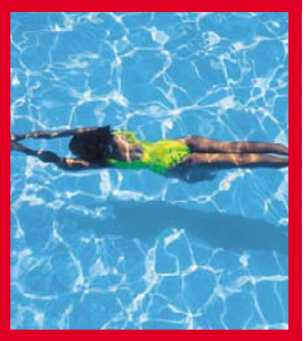

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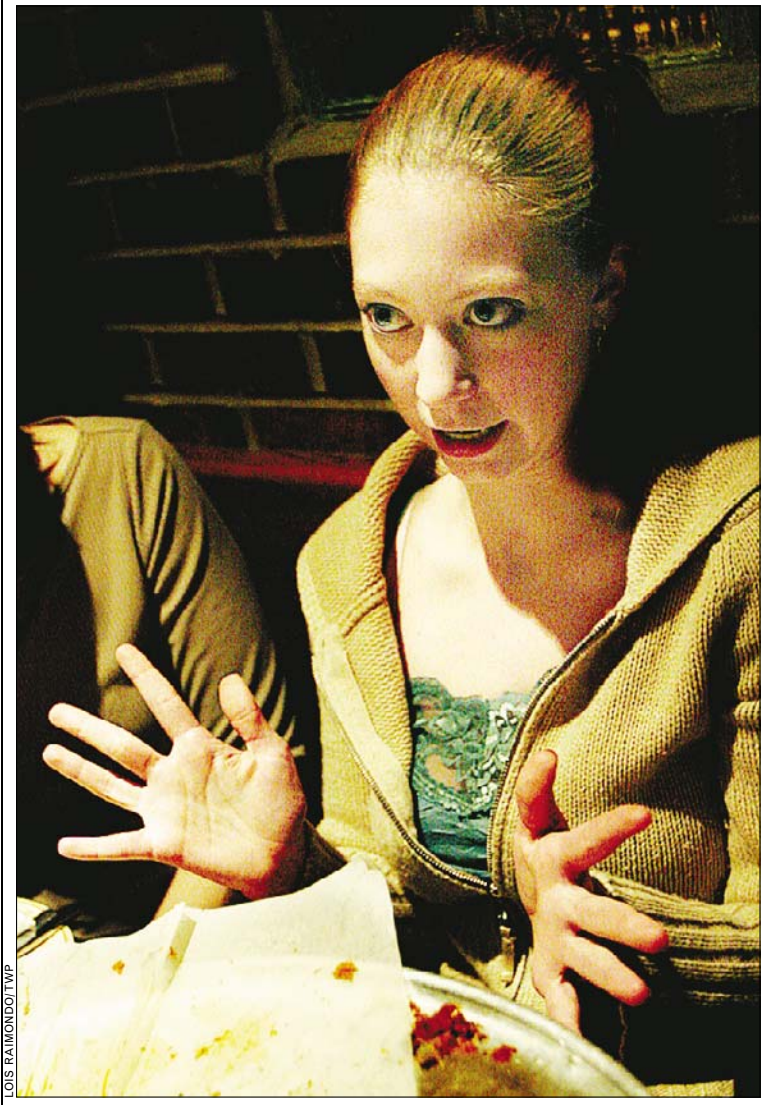

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Lauren Dannelly would like to buy in Arlington, but she commutes from Baltimore.

The Chat Is Cheap

Friends gather to discuss area's pricey real estate market

It's a topic they never seem to tire of talking about: Sky-high housing prices and the compromises they are making in their living arrangements as they grapple with the costs.

"We're all scared and don't know what to do," said Mary Casey, 25, a sound designer and mixer. She owns a 600-square-foot co-op in the District that she bought for $189,000, rather than remain a renter with roommates.

Casey and her friends met through softball and work. Like Casey, Bruce Milton, 32, owns a town house in Springfield. Three others still rent: James Cave, 34, of Arlington; Lauren Dannelly, 25, of Baltimore; and Joreida Torres, 27, of Silver Spring.

When they meet up for burgers and beer, the conversation shifts quickly to housing. With wages relatively flat, entry-level condos starting at about $200,000, and one-bedroom apartments renting for $1,000 or more a month, figuring out how to pay for the roofs over their heads is a constant pre-

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Joreida Torres and James Cave meet with other friends at Faccia Luna to kvetch.

occupation for the group.

On a recent Thursday evening, they agreed to let a reporter tag along. Over cheese pizza and marinara pasta at one of their favorite hangouts, Faccia Luna in Arlington, the group debated the merits of owning versus renting, and discussed their hopes and fears about the housing market. Sometimes they laughed, sometimes they argued, and sometimes they commiserated. Some were optimistic; others were more fearful.

For three years, there has been a spirited but light-hearted dispute between Milton, a homeowner, and Cave, a renter, who are both Washington-area natives. Milton, married with a 16-month-old daughter, bought a town house in the Lorton area for $210,000 in early 2004. Since then he has been ribbing Cave, who is single but has saved enough money for a down payment, about his failure to make a purchase.

Milton likes to remind Cave of how much housing prices have risen since he bought his town house, smiling as he mentions the recent tax assessment he received, which indicated the value of his property had gone up $30,000 in a year. "Two years ago, he should have bought," Milton told the group. "Real estate is the only sure investment."

Cave, however, cited recent news stories reporting declining sale prices and rising inventories of unsold homes, speculating that values could fall further and cause people who buy to lose money. "It's a mistake that could be life-changing," said Cave, who rents a condo in Arlington for $1,400 a month.

Casey jumped into the conversation. Like Milton, she is a fan of ownership. In 2004, soon after she graduated from James Madison University, she began looking to buy. She learned quickly how few places she could afford.

She finally found a home within her budget, the co-op in Washington's Cleveland Park neighborhood. She weighed paying high monthly rent against a high monthly mortgage payment, and decided to put her money on ownership.

"Look at the rental — you pay the same amount for rent," Casey argued. "It isn't like it's absolutely impossible. I could be renting and throwing away a great amount every month."

> "The real estate market is outpacing salaries right now."
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But Torres, like Cave, expressed the forceful opinion that the market seems to be overpriced. "I was in the military, so I can get a VA loan, but even with that I'm still not ready to purchase. The real estate market is outpacing salaries right now. I have a good job, but I don't think that what I make can actually support having my own place."

"Well, you still have to have a place to live," Casey interjected.

"It's not that we're against buying," Torres responded. "But we're

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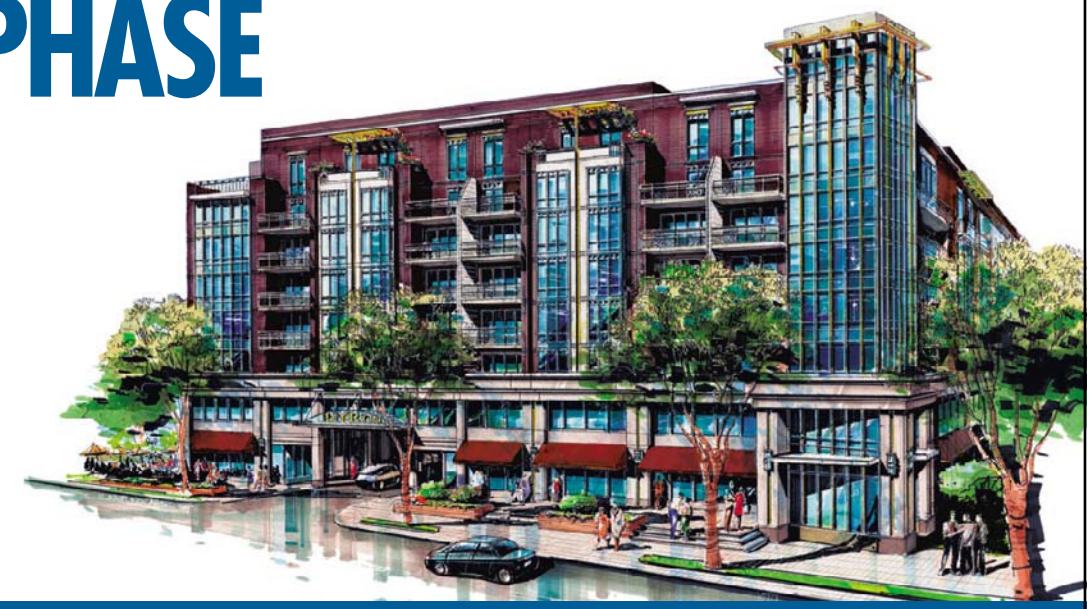

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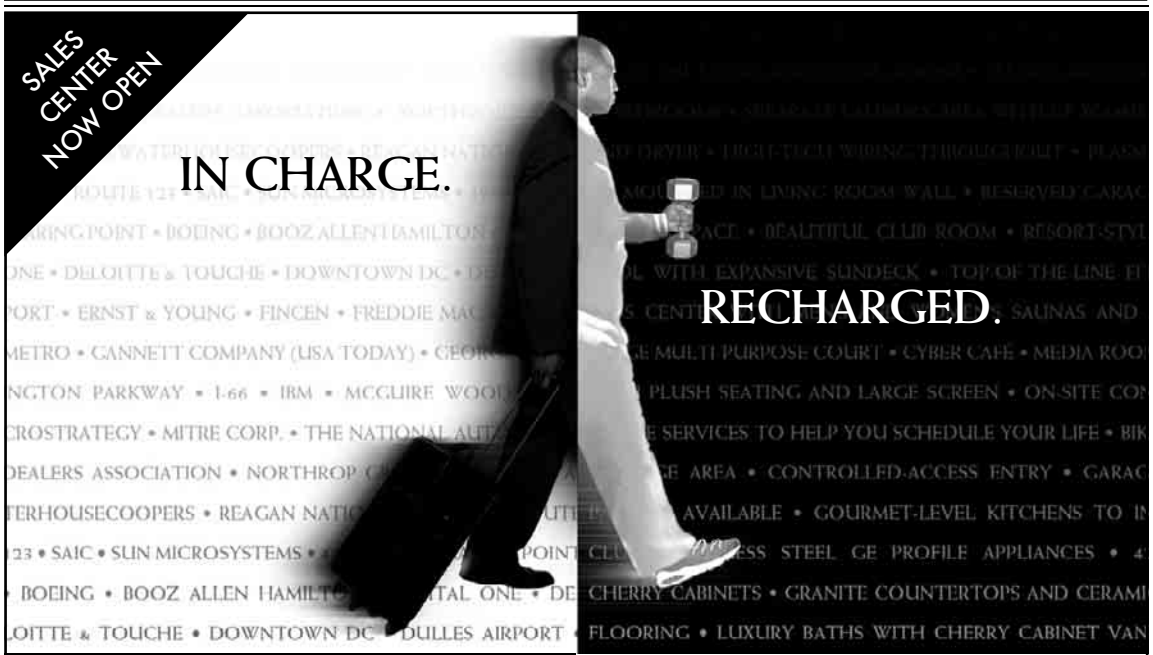

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Bruce Milton owns a town house in Springfield. He considers it a good investment.

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looking for that key moment, when prices drop."

Homeownership makes Casey feel as if she has more control over her destiny, even though she pays 75 percent of her net income for housing. "I'm willing to live that way if I buy," she said. "I'm not willing to live that way if I'm not buying, and I also didn't want to live with somebody. I wanted to live by myself."

Torres conceded that sharing a rented house with three other women in Silver Spring, as she does, has its disadvantages. "I'm sacrificing my privacy now because I have roommates," she said. "I'm just swallowing my pride, living with roommates. I want to buy a condo, when the time is right."

Casey thinks that fortune will be on her side — she's naturally "lucky," she said. "Everybody said I couldn't find a one-bedroom, but I did. It all lined up, and it felt right."

But Torres, a former crew chief on a Black Hawk helicopter, said she is more wary of the risk. "I don't feel like a lucky person."

Torres said she wonders about the underlying strength of the economy. She said, "People buy things, think they are all set, and then they are laid off."

Even renting is difficult for this group of workers, still in the formative stages of their careers. Dannelly, for example, commutes to Arlington from a house in Baltimore, which she shares with a roommate. It costs her $500 a month. "The house I live in, in Baltimore, I couldn't live in here."

She feels the extra space she gets in the two-story house compensates for the hours she spends driving back and forth to her job working in audio systems at Henninger Media Services. She likes having a parking space because she dreads the idea of walking to her house alone in the dark from a parking lot. And she likes having her own washing machine.

> **"I didn't want to live with somebody. I wanted to live by myself."**
>
> MARY CASEY
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Renting makes sense to Dannelly now because the market seems unstable to her. "Everything is for sale where we are," she said.

Soon the pizza was devoured, the last drops of beer were drunk, and the evening grew late.

Milton had to leave first because his wife was at home alone with the baby and she needed him. Laughing as he left, he said, "My parting shot is Jamie's wrong and I'm right."

He said, "Housing good." KIRSTIN DOWNEY (WASHINGTON POST)

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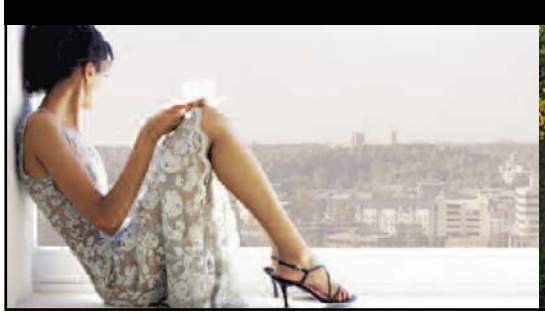
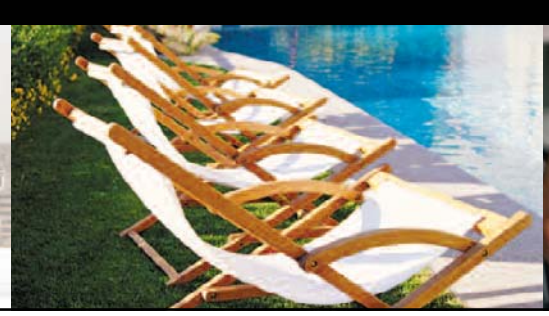
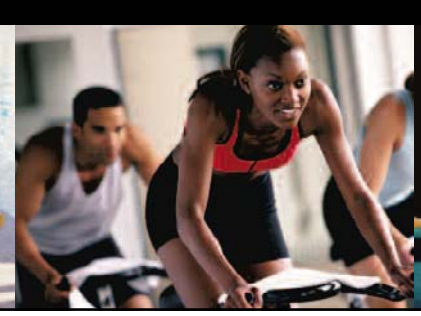

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Home Front

Every week, the Washington Post **HOME STAFF** talks about various ways to improve your home. Find out about new trends, upcoming antiques shows and a variety of how-to help.

Where can I find contemporary, decorative wall mirrors for about $200 each? I need one or two for my living room. I've checked the usual places: Target, Pottery Barn, Crate & Barrel, Bombay, Pier I and overstock.com.

Pottery Barn has a great mirror selection. It has wonderful frames with large mirrors at decent prices. You might also try West Elm and CB2.

Do you know of anyplace that sells slipcovers for armless sofas and loveseats? I'd like to re-cover mine, but can't seem to find a store that sells slipcovers either online or off. Will I have to go custom?

Call LT Home in Great Barrington, Mass. (413 528-9737). It's the best source for slipcovers we know. And it also makes fab Furniture Falsies, which can plump up the arms of an old sofa and make it look good again.

A recent issue of Elle Decor pictured a living room with vintage saris covering the ceiling. This struck me as a great solution for my bedroom, and I thought it might also muffle the constant noise coming from my neighbor's apartment. I found reasonably priced textiles at Target, but am stumped on how to attach it to the ceiling. Should I try nails? A staple gun? Velcro? Tape?

What a great idea! I would e-mail Elle Decor and ask that the person who created the room respond to you. I think staple gunning is a great way to go.

We found asbestos tiles under our carpet. How do I get rid of them? Is it safe to put tiles over them?

No, no, no! Call an asbestos cleanup company. Do not try to do this yourself. This substance is harmful to your health.

Can you suggest a paint color for a master bedroom that will coordinate with an aqua (more blue than green) quilt and a pale gold duvet cover?

How about Old Straw Hat by Benjamin Moore? It's a peaceful, pale yellow.

We're having twins! I need more room in our small living room for the kids once they get mobile. I was going to buy a sleeker sofa and chair. However, I've been told that might be a bad, because toddlers are hard on furniture. Is there a preferred fabric to use? Is leather a bad idea? Thanks!

Twins are going to be hard on furniture. Leather might not be a bad choice.

I have been looking for a sofa for two years, and cannot find what I want. In a perfect world, it would have a tight back, a bench or two-cushion seat and look kind of contemporary or midcentury modern with exposed tapered legs. I saw one at Gore-Dean that was nice, but it ran $7,000 just for the frame! I see sofas I like in Architectural Digest and Elle Decor, but I simply cannot find one around here. I want something that's really good quality.

Check out the Barbara Barry sofas for Henredon at Bloomingdale's. They are a great value for the price, and they have very elegant lines.

I would like to have a high-gloss paint finish on my front door, like you see in England. I have tried several high-gloss exterior paints, but nothing seems to have the same "shine." Any suggestions?

Paint gurus said what you may have seen in Europe is high-gloss, oil-based enamel. It looks terrific. But it has been outlawed for environmental reasons in this country. You may want to consider going with a high-gloss finish or applying a clear coat of shine over your color.

Is there any way to mount a large, flat-screen TV over a fireplace mantel that would allow it to be pulled out at an angle for better viewing?

There is definitely a way to do this. Go back to where you bought your TV, and ask about a swing arm that would allow it to come out from the wall and be tilted in another direction.

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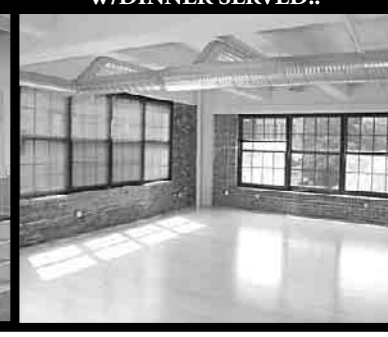

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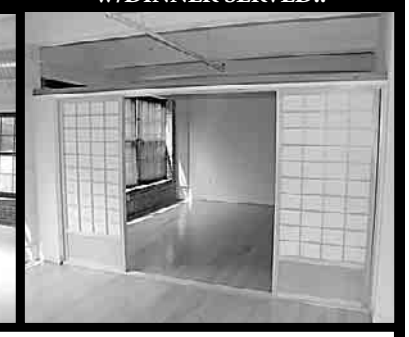

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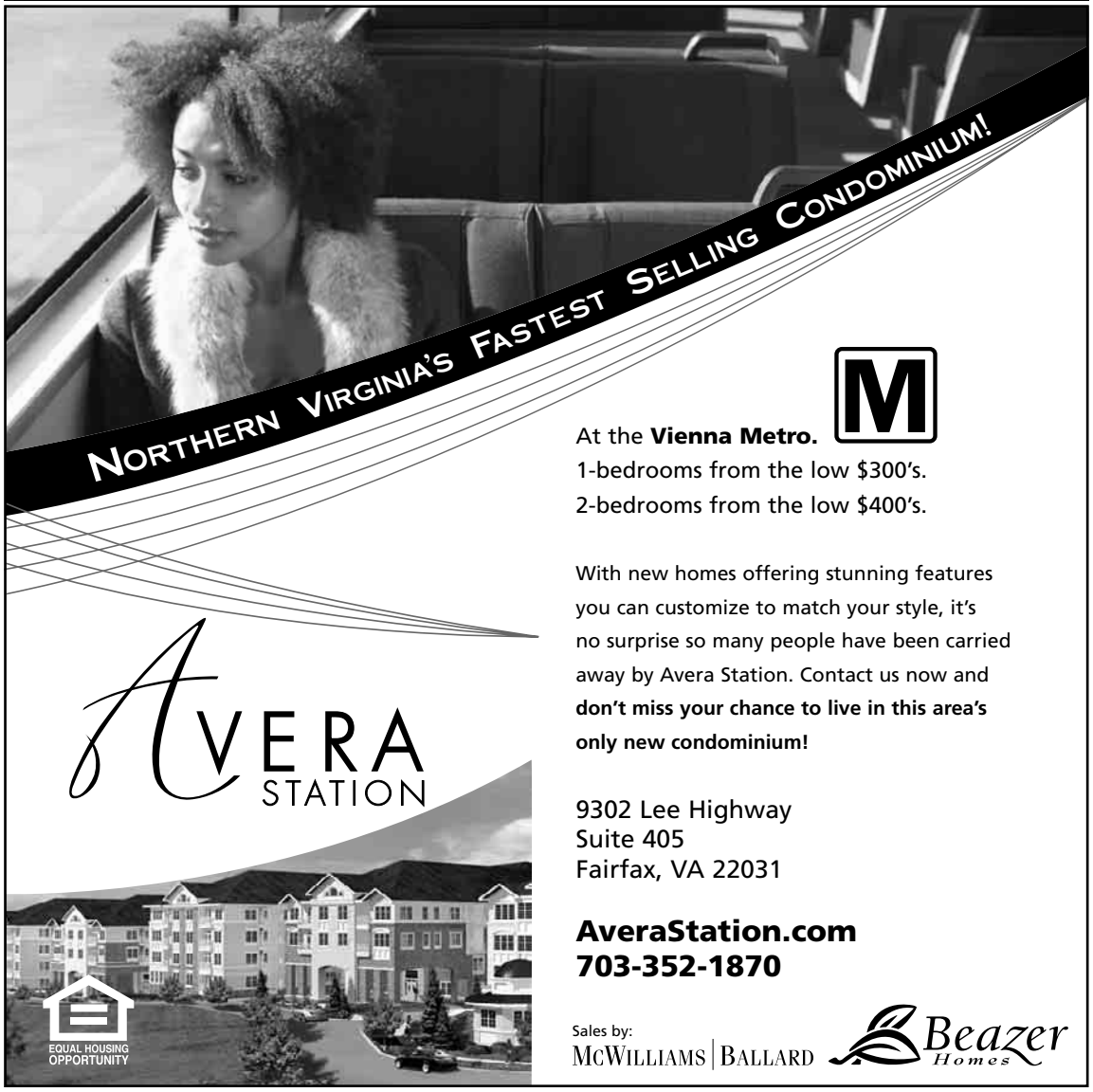

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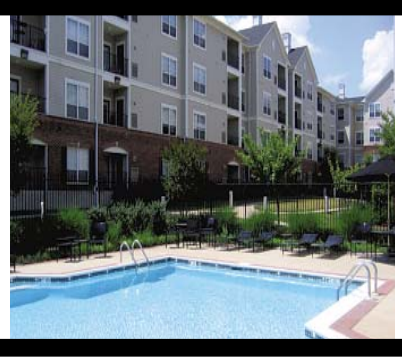

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